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From the Editor: Keep Looking

Julie Gedro



I thought I would let all of my guys off the hook this month and write the Editor's message myself, and am inspired to share part of my own philosophy of life. This philosophy also informs the work that I do with Yorkshire Terrier National Rescue. I share the philosophy with my students, my colleagues, neighbors, and folks who ask me for career advice. *Keep looking*. When I'm asked about how I select forever homes for my rescues, I explain that it is and always has been a very organic process of the right person coming across my path at the perfect time. Sometimes fostering takes a few weeks, and sometimes it takes a few months. However, and this is based on many years of doing the work (successfully, I might add), the right situation always emerges. While I am not entirely easy going about timelines, deadlines, and outcomes in my professional life, I have grown accustomed to a natural pace with my rescue work. However, my equanimity should not belie the fact that rescue work takes determination, patience, and diligence. Ask anyone who does it, and they'll likely tell you the same thing! There is somehow a perfect balance of hard work, and then detachment from the outcome and the timing, that is involved in a sustainable rescue career. If I tried to predict how each rescue would go, I would not enjoy the work and I doubt I would have lasted this long. The same holds true in this tight labor market for folks who are job seeking (I spend a significant of my time providing folks with career advice and counsel). *Keep looking*, I say. Keep putting the good, focused energy out there. Refrain from worry. Have confidence in yourself and in your abilities, and know that if you do your homework, and have some patience and faith, the results will come. Perseverance is an awesome quality, and in my humble assessment, it is not highlighted enough in popular press or in management, leadership, and business literature, either. Try hard. Work hard. Have faith.

Our Yorkie rescues depend on it.

Enjoy this month's newsletter. It is full of information and celebration.

2009 SMOKY AWARDS

Contributed by Mary Schmidt

One of the highlights of the Annual Ball is the announcement of the winners of the yearly Smoky Awards. All our rescues are special and we like to acknowledge them and their rescue stories. All rescues adopted between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 were eligible for nomination.

Since new people have joined our great group since the last Ball, it might be fitting to retell the story of WHO the Smoky of the "Smoky Award" is. We turn to Bill Wynne whose heart was stolen over 60 years ago by his four pound Yorkie, Smoky - his angel in a foxhole.

Smoky was a four pound Yorkie found in an abandoned jungle foxhole in New Guinea in early 1944 by a soldier whose jeep had stalled in the jungle. The next day the Yorkie was sold for two Australian pounds (\$6.44) to 20 year old PFC Bill Wynne. Bill and Smoky flew combat missions and went through many air raids together. She lived on rugged army tropical food including at times C and K rations, while they served 18 months straight in combat. They traveled 40,000 miles overseas.

Those of you who have met Mr. Wynne have heard Smoky's praises sung.

When YTNR was planning its very first rescue ball in 1999, the first thing that came to mind was creating a special award for the Yorkie Rescue of the Year. It seemed logical to name the award after Bill Wynne's world famous Yorkie rescue. After nominations came in, it quickly became clear that each story was special and touching. Each rescue is a great rescue, just as Smoky was. She started a movement in rescue, in therapy, in obedience that showed people what a four pound dynamo could do.

The Nominees

We receive many nominations each year. It is never easy to narrow the field; each dog has its own story, fortunately ending happily with a new and loving forever family. Some of these little dogs are senior citizens; some have health issues requiring ongoing care; some never knew human love before; some were strays; and some came from families who loved them but could no longer care for them.

This year's entries included:

- Noni, adopted by Nina Rubin of California;
- Bailey, given her forever home by Shirley and Phil Rayer of Arizona;
- Sparky, now loved by Nancy and Xavier Lerch of California;
- Mr. Wiggles, adopted by Margit Ehlers from British Columbia, Canada;
- Yoshi, happy with Jackie and Jerry Wolfe of Illinois;
- Poppy, now beloved friend of Francesca Simons of California;
- Chachito, adopted by Susan Proffitt Urena of Illinois;
- Corkey, now lovingly cared for by Linda Huffman of Arizona;
- California Jalei, now the special dog of Donna Morrow of Alaska;
- Christian Luke, favored friend of Cecelia Albregts from Illinois.

Thank you to our committee

Special thanks are due to our selection committee each of whom diligently read and scored each nomination. Determining the Smoky Awards each year is something we look forward to, through laughter and tears. It reminds us of why we do what we do, and how much it is SO worthwhile.

Second runner-up: Spicey



Our second runner-up is Spicey. Spicey's nomination began: "My beginnings are a little fuzzy in my brain--such a shock that I can only remember that late in the mid-summer of 2008 I was in a place with many other lost and abandoned animals, not why or how I got there and although you can see from my picture that I am quite beautiful now, it wasn't always that way.

I was found by a wonderful woman who could see well beyond my infected flea bites (allergies you know), my missing front leg and my defensive behavior--she could see that I would one day make a great companion. So, after looking beyond my physical disabilities, she rescued me from the shelter and I was on my journey to finding a permanent home." Spicey was adopted by Lisa Whorton from Oklahoma. Spicey is now the loving companion of a 10 year old girl, Kellyn, who had seen Spicey's picture on the Yorkshire Terrier National Rescue web site and had fallen in love. Kellyn entered Spicey in a "Cutest Pet" contest and Spicey is now a Calendar Dog for the month of May 2010!

First runner-up: Ella

Our first runner-up is Ella, who came to YTNR from an animal shelter. Upon arrival to the shelter, Ella had to have one eye removed due to serious injury and infection, and she has gone blind in her remaining eye. Ella's trachea is crushed from a backyard breeder (where she was overbred, per the vet) who used physical force to stifle the barking -- Ella will be facing surgery



for placement of a stint to keep her throat open as she ages. Adopted by Denise Davis and Kimberly Lewis of California, and after not even a year of good care in her new home, Ella is a healthy happy senior. She has become a healing and inspirational presence in her mom's counseling practice, serving as an inspiration and a role model for perseverance thru difficult times.

2009 Smoky of the Year

Every dog nominated is a winner in its own right, but after much deliberation the committee arrived at their decision in awarding the 2009 Smoky Award to the dog whose life was most improved after finding his new forever home.

Our 2009 Smoky Award goes to a little one who was doomed to be euthanized at the shelter because he looked too "rough" for anyone to want him. His story follows.

Our 2009 Smoky of the Year – Brutus

Story submitted by Melanie Riezner, Texas



I found Brutus on the ‘Rescue Me’ e-mail circulated by Harris County Animal Control, in August of 2006. When I went to pick him up at the shelter, the attendant told me that if someone hadn’t come to get him by that day, he would have been put down because, according to him, the dog looked too ‘rough’ for anyone to want to adopt. After I finished the paperwork, and he carried Brutus out to me, I knew exactly what he was talking about.

I carried him out to my car and sat there for several minutes and cried because I had never seen a dog in such bad shape before. He had brown goo dripping from his mouth, a runny nose, and green stuff oozing from his eyes. His hair was gone in patches, his skin and genitals were infected, and you could see nearly every bone in his body because he weighed only 4.31 pounds. We went straight to the vet and they determined that other than his mouth, which was in horrible shape, his heart and lungs seemed fine, he was heartworm negative, and he didn’t seem to have any disease in his internal organs. We scheduled him for a dental the next day, and things were worse than originally thought. The extent of his dental disease was such that his jaw was fractured in 4 places. And, by the time they had finished with the dental, he had 2 new fractures. They also found 2 large nasal fistulas (holes from the roof of his mouth up through his nasal cavity.) In addition to his medical problems, we suspect that Brutus might have been abused. Any quick moves on my part, and Brutus would squint his eyes shut and cringe, as though he was afraid to be hit. And, while he would sit on my lap, he was terrified to be picked up off the ground. Since my regular vet didn’t have the equipment or expertise to fix this guy’s mouth I took Brutus to be evaluated by a few other veterinarians,



including a doggie dentist, and the consensus was that his jaw could not be repaired. My vet and I had a long talk about Brutus’ quality of life and his future, and we both agreed that little Brutus had such a strong life force that we couldn’t give up on him yet. I got a referral to Dr. Mark, a colleague of my vet’s, and scheduled an office visit. Because Brutus’ jaw bones were so brittle, and because some of the fractures were very old, he agreed that his jaw couldn’t be repaired but recommended removing the damaged sections. Dr. Mark agreed that Brutus seemed up for the surgery so we scheduled him to have the damaged bones removed, and the nasal fistulas repaired. The surgery went well, and Brutus was able to come home with me that evening. It was quite obvious how miserable he was at home that night, and he cried the times I sat down next to him, and all I could do was to hold him, and pray I had made the right decision. When I woke up the next morning, and started to move around, I heard the familiar patter of little feet running across my bedroom floor, and then there he was, waiting for help up onto my bed. His mouth was sore for a few days afterwards, but this was clearly a turning point in his life. Over the months that followed, we treated his eyes, his skin and his ears – apparently he had had 2

ruptured eardrums too. He ate well – I grind up dry food then mix it with water until it's like a smoothie - and he gained weight and grew a shiny new coat of hair. He was still getting skin infections so I had him tested for allergies and he's allergic to most of the grasses and weeds we have here in Houston, and cats. He's been receiving antigen shots for about 7 months now, and while he still gets itchy when he goes out, he doesn't develop skin infections anymore.

As far as how he has adjusted, I think he's close to being one of the happiest little dogs in the world. He's got 'drop-and-roll' mastered for whenever he thinks he should be getting a belly rub (which is any time I'm near by) and when I pick him up and hold him, he relaxes to the point that he falls asleep. He's so incredibly smart, and watches my every move. He tolerates baths, but just loves getting brushed and blow dried. It took well over a year, but he no longer cringes when I reach for him and just loves being petted and hugged and kissed. He weighs a whopping 6.88 pounds and he's full of love and kisses, and clearly has no idea he's a 'special needs' boy; I'm just so proud of him. And best of all, he sure loves his mommy and I know he knows how much I love him.

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all our adopted Yorkies and their new families! Every one of you, dog and human, is a winner.

HERE'S "RUBY"!!! - the Next Generation "JILLI DOG"!

Contributed by Rick Caran

The miracles continue! Jillie Dog, a sickly stray, rescued by my partner, Judy Donnenfeld, from the streets of Long Island NY, nearly eleven years ago, has changed my life forever... I became a "small dog person," and I have fallen in love with the Yorkie Breed! Of course I love our second rescue (from people whose schedule didn't allow them to take care of him), Spidey Chihuahua, and he adds such fun to the Jillie Dog Show, but Yorkies are amazing, almost human-like little critters.

As most of you know, Jillie has attained international fame on TV and personal appearances, for her talents and personality, and her work as a therapy dog, as well as helping many rescue organizations. For that reason she was named "The Good Will Ambassador" to Yorkshire Terrier National Rescue" (YTNR) two years ago, a title she still holds. We have so many wonderful friends in YTNR which was founded ten years ago by Mary Elizabeth Dugmore, who still serves as the devoted, loving president! Mary Elizabeth knew that I was longing for a young Yorkie, to start training her while our wonderful Jillie is still young enough to help out! (Jillie, at 11 yrs old, is JUST as sharp, as she was when she was 2 yrs old!!! She is amazing!)

Well, some time passed, and then one day, I got "The CALL!" Mary Elizabeth called me at 3am to tell me that I was a proud new father of a 1-pound baby girl Yorkie!!! (It wasn't really 3am, but the feeling of excitement was the same! haha). I was so lucky that Patti and Steve Hood, Nashville horse and Yorkie breeders (Whinnies Kennels), were so generous as to give YTNR a pup from their new littler, so that Mary Elizabeth could give to some deserving person in the organization, and that she picked Jillie Dog and me! What makes it interesting is that they hand picked Ruby, from the 6 litter mates, because they felt she was most like Jillie, and they

were right. She looks and acts more and more like Jilli everyday! She already cannot wait to perform and complains when she is taken off the stage. She is the Rascal-i-est pound of pup, that I have EVER seen! (now three pounds and growing). That great spirit is slowly being channeled into an amazing trickster and people pleaser... She loves everybody, and they love her!

She is now part of the family, and part of the show!!! She is AMAZING! Thank you YTNR, Mary Elizabeth Dugmore, and Patti and Steve Hood!



Ruby Dog, at about 1 and 1/4 lbs, 4 months... Jilli Dog's new baby sister!



Hanging out at a Fourth of July Party! She LOVES people!



We thank Mary Elizabeth Dugmore and YTNR for choosing us to receive the amazing gift of Ruby! Shown here with her husband, Dan, a top and very busy Nashville musician



And we thank Patti Hood, of "Whinnies Kennels", for her very generous gift of this precious pup, when she wanted to do something nice for YTNR, and we were so lucky... (do you notice the similar hair color between Patti and Ruby?-)

Ruby and her best friend, Lucky Cat... He is about 18 yrs old, and they play, groom and hang out!



Ruby Joins The Show! Like Jilli Dog, she LOVES people and LOVES to perform!

REFLECTIONS FROM THE 2009 YTNR BALL

We posed the following questions to folks who attended the Ball:

1. Why did you attend the ball?
2. What was the most exciting thing about the ball for you?
3. What was the most touching?

Here are the wonderful responses we received from four enthusiastic participants:

From Connie Lamanteer in New Jersey:

1. Why did you attend the ball?

Mainly I attended to see everyone, but my time was spent getting everything set up for the Silent Auction. It was amazing. Everyone was so helpful, I could not have done it without everyones help...and it was a great success!!! So, thank you all!

2. What was the most exciting thing about the ball for you?

Just being there and seeing just all what YTNR is about and meeting all of the caring people who make YTNR the wonderful organization it is...finally being able to put faces with the names of people I have been communicating with over the years.

3. What was the most touching?

Watching Corrine get her Dugmore award for all she does, the woman amazes me, she has a houseful of her own, then with all she does to care for the special needs babies, seeing Teagan....walk after all he went thru is what YTNR is all about...helping little ones who can not help or speak for themselves.....

From Chris Hogan in California:

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2. What was the most exciting thing about the ball for you?

Meeting (in person) the many members I've worked with over the years. Seeing how well Teagan is doing after his surgery. He is a happy, healthy, handsome boy who clearly loves being a puppy!

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From Rick Caran in New York:

1. Why did you attend the ball?

We were invited to supply some Yorkie entertainment, which we loved to do as part of such a wonderful organization and cause, and we attended to see and hang with an amazing group of dedicated people, who are also so nice and fun to be with!-)

2. What was the most exciting thing about the ball for you?

Hmmm, I'm going to wander from the rules, and give a few answers!-) -We totally loved the Thursday night music show! Was great to see such a talented group of musicians who came out to help YTNR, and to see Dan's wonderful talent showcased, and see how respected he is by all the musicians! Thank Dan, and all the great musicians!-It was great fun judging the contests with Shannon and Arlene! Not easy, because there were so many terrific entrants! I LOVED the winning picture! For those who weren't there: there was a Yorkie, next to a wee-wee pad, that had a newspaper on it, that had some 'poop' on it, and some 'pee' on it, also... The article was about Michael Vic! Personally exciting for me was to see Jilli Dog back in action, and so many people who were so supportive and caring after her ordeal, who were so happy to see her having fun, making people smile again! Thank you all! -And the introduction of "Ruby", and her 'Premier' (mini) performance! Thank you so much to Mary Elizabeth and YTNR, for this wonderful addition to our family...

3. What was the most touching?

The most touching to me was meeting the wonderful little Dylan, in his very cool little chariot, with his loving mom, Tina Ann Byers. Tina and Dylan totally represent the absolute loving

kindness of the typical YTNR volunteers, and their willingness to expend time and expense to give such desperate little creatures a loving home... When we celebrated Tina's work, we celebrated all of the wonderful YTNR members...

Yorkie Heart Hug

*Contributed by Penny Case
Guild Certified TTouch Practitioner*

Reading that Linda Tellington-Jones believes one of her newest touches, the Heart Hug, can be more powerful than any other single touch stopped me in my tracks! After all, for more than 30 years now, Tellington TTouch has been changing lives every day. As readers of this column know, TTouch is a gentle, non-invasive system of circular touches, lifts and slides, which works with the nervous system, releasing tension, pain, habitual holding patterns and much more. TTouch awakens the body's healing powers and activates learning potential.



Before reading Linda's surprising revelation, I'd done a few Heart Hugs on myself, on one horse and on a few dogs. In each instance I noticed a clear relaxation response, typical of other TT experiences, but *maybe* a little faster, a little deeper. However, I had not paused to experience the extent of the response. Time to get serious and really explore! I did many Heart Hugs on myself and on every being possible, human or animal. Now I understand, at least to some degree, what Ms. Tellington Jones means about the power of Heart Hugs, and I want to share this lovely TTouch with you!

To begin your Heart Hug, place your hands, one on top of the other, flat and relaxed, in the center of your chest over your heart. Imagine a clock face on your chest under your hands, with 6 o'clock at the bottom of the circle, closest to the ground. Beginning at 6, use a light pressure to gently push the skin in a circle, visualizing the numbers on the clock face as you go around. Inhale and exhale slowly and deeply as you go around. Take your time. When you return to 6, continue another $\frac{1}{4}$ circle to 9. Pause at 9, and take a few more deep, slow breaths. Softly release. Repeat three times, breathing more slowly and deeply each time. Close your eyes for a moment and notice how you feel.

To deepen the effect, think of something that makes you feel wonderful, and do more Heart Hugs. Heart Hugs for our animals are as powerful for them as those we do for ourselves are for us. I find the animals get more from a Hug if I do a few for myself first. When I'm stressed,

distracted, tired, or anxious, my breathing will likely be shallow and rapid, and my animals almost instantly reflect my state of being. (*How often do we wonder why our animals are acting stressed, when they are merely reflecting our stress?*) If I begin to TTouch another when I'm in that state, my touch tends to be stiff, too fast, insensitive, and less than helpful for either of us. Previously I've used a few rituals to help me relax and become present, but now I've discovered nothing calms and relaxes me as deeply and quickly as a few Heart Hugs!

Again, place your hands, one on top of the other, over the animal's heart, and make the circles as described above. This works even for the tiniest Yorkie—your hands may cover the whole chest and more, but the effect is powerful. Remember, in doing the circle, roundness counts.

Use Heart Hugs for relaxation, to express gratitude, to ease grief, to boost health, to connect with other beings. Heart Hugs are a great way to bring comfort to any situation.

From time to time Linda, through her planet-wide network, asks people to join her at specific times to do Heart Hugs, many people connecting to send love, peace and prayers around the world!

You are invited to subscribe to Linda's blog, *Changing the World One TTouch At A Time*. Visit TTouch.com to subscribe, and to learn more about TT. There are a number of TT videos on YouTube.com .

Please send your questions and comments to me at Star9fish@aol.com .

Special Feature:

Spotlight on our President, Mary Elizabeth Dugmore

Editor's Note: *I asked our President and fearless leader to write her story so that others could understand her journey through the world of Yorkshire Terrier breeding, showing, and ultimately, rescuing. This background informed her founding our organization. We are incredibly fortunate to have a true expert, as well as someone with renown, at the helm.*

I grew up in California, my parents were adventurers so as kids we enjoyed camping and fishing in the High Sierra's, Yosemite and eventually my parents bought a summer resort on Lake Mary in Mammoth Lakes. Winters we spent in the San Fernando Valley and were some of the original settlers there. It went from orange groves and open fields to the giant metropolis that it is today.

I met and married my husband Dan Dugmore in 1972. He was unemployed when I married him, and a musician. My mother asked me if I was nuts when I called and told her we had eloped to Las Vegas. Dan has gone on to be one the music industry's most precious and valuable players, excelling on Steel Guitar, Electric and Acoustic Guitars, Mandolin, Dobro and Banjo. I loved him then and I love him even more now. It has been a wonderful, exciting journey and he changed my life forever for the best this world has to offer.

On one of our early visits to Tower of Records on Hollywood Blvd a lady was walking out of the store as we were walking in. In her arms she held the most precious little dog I had ever seen and it took my breath away and I asked her: "What kind of a dog is that?" She told me it was a Yorkshire Terrier. It was love at first sight and that Christmas Dan gave me my very first Yorkie, Taffy Ann Dugmore. I haven't been without one of these little dogs since that time.

Soon after that Dan's began going on the road James Taylor and I was and Roll widow. I by staying home but to myself into the world of I met a lady who told learn as much as I could how to improve the standard of the breed as Club, AKC. That and under the guidance Goldman, Nell showing my dogs. I met a puppy match, where puppies and get them mid seventies, Audrey Yorkshire Terrier Club of Greater Los Angeles, which is still active today.



career started to take off and he with John Stewart, Linda Ronstadt, learning what it meant to be a Rock learned early not to be victimized profit with that time and I threw Yorkshire Terriers and also my art. me I should go to a dog show and about the breed in order to learn breed and support the quality and stated by The American Kennel opened a whole new world to me of some of the greats, Ann Feitinghoff, Jim Nickerson I started Audrey Raymond one afternoon at we used to gather to show our ready for the AKC shows. In the Raymond and I founded the

I spent the next several years breeding Yorkshire Terriers learning more and more about the breed. In 1992 Dan and I moved to Nashville Tennessee and began a new life on a 66 acre farm. Nashville offered Dan a place where he could play his music and stay closer to home. I then met Carl Yochum, who lived in Memphis. He sold me a little show dog and he met me at AKC shows here in the south and taught me how to show my own dogs. Carl and I traveled to Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, Florida and many of the surrounding States where the AKC shows were and met many wonderful people along the way.

The internet was coming alive around that same time and Yorkie people had lists where they could keep in touch and learn more about the dogs and keep up with the latest news. Puppy Mills were also growing by leaps and bounds and it was something that we needed to address and try to stop the abuse that was happening within their confines. One night I woke up and thought of starting a web site PuppyMills.com, which I did, and began posting information about puppy mills on that site.

The internet was exposing more and more heartbreaking stories from people whose little puppy's were dying from liver disease and there just wasn't enough information to know how to treat or take care of these little dogs and their owners. I started yet another web page devoted to that cause www.LiverShunt.com. Through that web site and with the help of Terri Shumsky we met and began working with a young veterinarian that had taken an interest in liver shunts in Yorkies, Dr. Karen Tobias, who has spent most of her working career searching for the genetic reason that this is so prevalent in Yorkies and other breeds as well.

With the support of so many people who were on the internet with me we were able to build a stronger voice for these causes and I continued to try to find ways to really educate more of the general public who were coming in with this same love for our beloved little Yorkies that so many of us shared. On my own personal web page I tried to build some of the history and facts from those people who were here from the beginning –<http://www.YorkshireTerrier.net>- there is a link to "Dugmore's Yorkie" where important facts and truths about the breed that sometimes get twisted in time and through shared theory's that have been handed on to them. Joan Gordon has helped and contributed by writing about some of her knowledge and research of Yorkshire Terrier History.

Some time during the late nineties I received a phone call from Shirley Patterson, who was then Secretary for the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, she asked me if I would take over as Chairman of the YTCA rescue and try to build on it so that it would better serve our breed. I have been a member of the YTCA since 1976 after being assured that there "really was a need to rescue Yorkshire Terriers" I said yes. I began to build a stronger volunteer base and figure out how to let people know that we were here ready to help if needed. Within days of creating a rescue web page, we had over 300 new volunteers, ready, willing and able to help us serve Yorkies in any way they were needed. YTCA took issue with the fact that those volunteers who were coming forward were not members of the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America and the arrangement would be a potential liability for YTCA. After much debate and deliberation, in 2000, it was decided that I separate the rescue from the National club. It was then that Yorkshire Terrier National Rescue was founded and became an independent non profit organization and began its journey to continue a cause that we all strongly believed in and an area that was screaming for help.

A few people who I met in this short period of time continued to support the move on to our independence. One piece that was missing from the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America was that they were not a 501 (c)(3) organization. With the help of Bill Wynne's daughter, Marcia Deering and our Board of Directors, we began the filing process for our 501 (c)(3) status. Helen Hendricks, who has remained my "right hand woman" from the very beginning, helped me with the guidelines for the picking up and transporting of these little Yorkies that we were getting into either temporary foster homes or the long awaited forever home. Most of our original Board is still with us today and those are the strongest and most professional who believed in our cause and the continued desire to push us further ahead. The volunteers that we have lost have gone on to nurture Yorkshire Terriers and have promoted the cause through their own successful endeavors.

With 10 years of growth behind us we are moving into each new year still trying to find areas where we can educate and strengthen our base so that we are able to help those most in need. In the States where we have organized and innovative State Directors, we are able to help the best of and the worst of cases where Yorkies need help.

The hardest part is not being able to help all of them. I guess if I had one wish for YTNR, it would be that we could win the lottery where money wasn't always the issue of how much we could help any dog in need. And my wish for a Yorkie would be that every Yorkie born would have a loving and forever home that lasted it's entire lifetime.

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