

New Rattitude, Inc.

National Rat Terrier Rescue and Adoption



Salty
Fostering in Michigan

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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Join Us!



Sassy (GA), Adopted September 2023

Mission

NEW RATTITUDE, Inc., a non-profit charitable corporation incorporated in 2008, is a 100% volunteer-operated, nationwide group dedicated to the rescue and adoption of abused, abandoned, neglected, sick, or unwanted Rat Terriers and Rat Terrier mixes.

In private foster homes, the dogs are nurtured, socialized, trained, supported medically, and provided with professional veterinary care while we work diligently to find them new, permanent adoptive homes where they will be safe, loved, and properly and humanely cared for the rest of their lives.

Each dog brought into our network receives a veterinary check, all required vaccinations, heartworm test and monthly preventative, and spay or neuter. Other medical care is sometimes necessary, such as treatment for heartworm disease, infection, gastrointestinal worms, allergies, broken bones, or surgery to correct a variety of ailments. Each dog is wormed, microchipped, and given a martingale collar, along with a collar tag printed with a unique ID number and our toll-free Lost Dog Hotline.

New Rattitude is licensed by the Georgia Department of Agriculture, registered with the Georgia Secretary of State as a charitable organization, and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization.



**Larry (GA),
Adopted October
2023**

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Bethany Adams
President



Aimee Walrath
Vice President



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Secretary



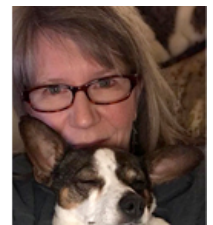
Sue Kangas
Treasurer



Terry Beale
Director



Molly Miller
Director



Lisa Rohn
Director

From the President

Greetings to our New Rattitude friends and supporters!

2023 was a year of growth in many ways for our rescue and I am proud of each and every one of us. Working together as a team we have been able to once again start growing as an organization and it has paid off. In 2023 we saw an increase in the number of Rat Terriers we were able to save which means more of our beloved Ratties found new forever homes! We began several programs to revitalize and refine certain areas of the rescue to make sure we are working efficiently and effectively together as teams, AND, as noted in our feature story on page 19, we have cultivated some wonderful new resources for transporting Rat Terriers out of danger to other areas, helping us in our rescue mission.

Our transport coordination team has done an outstanding job working with the Pilots N Paws program to help us move ratties from places of need to safe foster homes and sometimes even toward forever homes. What an amazing example of two organizations working together to save lives! And our devoted volunteers stepped up to save so many needy dogs this year, both young and old. Having the concurrent puppy litters of Jilz and Lily was both adorable and chaotic. I cannot thank our adoption team and our foster parents enough for the hours of work it took to move all of those little pups along from birth to adoption. The volume of applications to sort through with puppies is always much higher than any other dog so the workload is multiplied exponentially. Fortunately, with our phenomenal team of experienced volunteers, all went smoothly and the pups have all found fantastic homes.

Now that we have this new transport pipeline in place with Pilots N Paws, I would love to see us increase the number of our foster homes in 2024. Every day we see postings for dogs around the country that we are unable to reach or rescue simply because we do not have enough foster homes to take them. Let's actively recruit and populate foster homes in 2024 and save more dogs!

In addition to all the rescue successes in the last year, we truly felt the love from our wonderful donors and supporters. The 18th Annual Rat Terrier Jamboree and our annual Holiday Donation Drive were booming successes thanks to you. Coupled with our volunteers, our rescue supporters are key to saving Rattie lives and we are so grateful for all of you.

Here's to more growth, more adoptions, and more success in 2024!



Bethany Adams, Preident



2023 Accomplishments

Our labor of love begins and ends with the heart and soul of New Rattitude—our volunteers.

New Rattitude is a national organization, completely run by volunteers. Our network of foster homes is supported by a “staff” of other members who manage a variety of necessary tasks, including administration, application screening, fundraising, transportation coordination, publicity, technology, and so on.

Outside of New Rattitude’s membership, we have another amazing support network of volunteers who help us drive dogs from shelters to foster homes, between foster homes, or from foster homes to adoptive homes, or assist with home visits to ensure our foster Rat Terriers are placed in safe and suitable environments.

We are also grateful for those who support New Rattitude by contributing generously, participating in our fundraisers, and by spreading the word to let other dog lovers around the country know about New Rattitude and our efforts!

Our volunteers are not paid, but they are priceless. We couldn’t carry out our mission without them.

So, what did we collectively accomplish in 2023 through this network of dedicated volunteers and supporters?

- 91 Rat Terriers were rescued.
 - 105 Rat Terriers were placed into loving adoptive homes.
 - Cumulative rescues and adoptions since New Rattitude’s 2008 incorporation total 2,699 and 2,758 respectively!
 - 17 new volunteers were approved for membership, including 8 new foster parents.
 - 503 adoption applications were processed—an average of 42 per month.
 - New Rattitude’s Transport Team coordinated 16 transports, carrying 22 dogs. In 2023, most of the transports were by air rather than by ground. 9 were air transports, 3 were a combination of air and ground, and 4 were ground transport only.
- Our partnership with [Pilots N Paws](#) that allows our rescued Rat Terriers to fly to foster home spots all over the country is a game changer! Pilots N Paws® is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that connects rescues and volunteer pilots and plane owners willing to assist with animal transportation. Pilots donate their time, their planes, and their fuel, to transport animals to places where they will be fostered and/or adopted. We are so grateful for their help!
- We paid for 177 vaccinations, 47 heartworm tests, 53 spays and neuters, 13 other surgical procedures, 10 dental cleanings and extractions, 7 heartworm treatments, and numerous x-rays, blood panels, and other diagnostic and laboratory tests.
 - We sponsored the 18th annual Rat Terrier Jamboree in Sweetwater, TN in late April.

Devo (VA)
Adopted May 2023

These achievements and more were made possible by all of you! Thank you for believing in our mission and for trusting in New Rattitude to carry it out.

We Are New Rattitude!

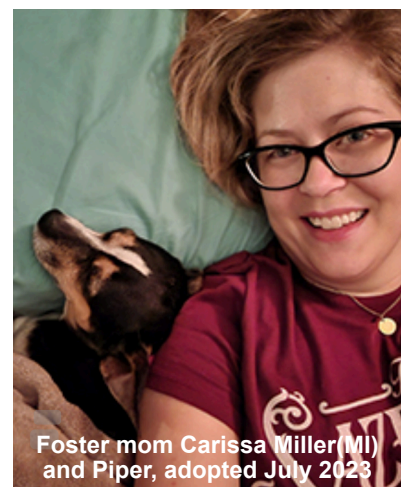
Foster Homes

In 2023, 36 individuals in 16 states opened their hearts and their homes to a lost or abandoned Rat Terrier whose only ticket out of the shelter was rescue. Safe in their foster homes, these dogs were nurtured and loved, and taught the basic skills that every good dog needs to know. They learned to trust; their self-confidence grew; and when they were healed and ready, carefully selected homes were found where these precious reclaimed souls would be cherished "forever."

Bethany Adams (MI)
Kimberly Auxier (TX)
Terry Beale (TN)
Frank Bennett (VA)
Maddison Boike (TX)
Jennifer Camisa (FL)
Candy Conrady (GA)
Nina Cross (PA)
Laurie Dempsey (VA)
Nicole Dossey (WA)
Lorie Dunn (GA)
Dan Frisbie (SC)

Kelly Fox (WI)
Denise Gilroy (ID)
Pat Graham (GA)
Melody Hassell (LA)
Amy Heitshusen (GA)
Sue Kangas (MI)
Vickie Kauffman (GA)
Karen Marfurt (MI)
Denise Merricks (VA)
Carissa Miller (MI)
Molly Miller (VA)
Kate Moore (FL)

Nancy Mullins (MI)
Carrie Pascale (VA)
Wanda Pezant (LA)
Kathy Puckett (MD)
Lisa Rohn (MD)
Candace Seal (AZ)
Mindy Shapiro (NC)
Paige Sliney (NC)
Karen Stewart (GA)
Cassandra Stutesman (IL)
Valerie Wong (TN)
Cassandra Zwart (VA)



Foster mom Carissa Miller (MI)
and Piper, adopted July 2023

Administration and Adoption Program Support

Many hands are needed to complete the myriad of tasks necessary to keep an organization such as New Rattitude running smoothly.

In 2023, these dedicated member volunteers filled one or more positions (some in addition to fostering) in various administrative roles, application screening, adopter support, problem dog assistance for foster parents and adopters, transport coordination, record keeping, marketing, correspondence, social media, fundraising, website management, and more.

Bethany Adams (MI)
Tami Baber (NC)
Terry Beale (TN)
Susan Beard (NC)
Debbie Collins (AL)
Candy Conrady (GA)
Cara DeFelice (AZ)
Rita Deimler (NC)
Laurie Dempsey (VA)
Nicole Dossey (WA)
Martha Dowling (SC)
Amy Farmer (WA)

Jenny Ferreira (CA)
Lucia Florido (TN)
Genie Folsom (WA)
Debbie Fountain (MD)
Kelly Fox (WI)
Jena Gammon (LA)
Carly Gill (GA)
Denise Gilroy (ID)
Patricia Graham (GA)
Doreen Habben (IN)
Patti Jeffries (GA)

Sue Kangas (MI)
Lillie Kaplan (GA)
Vickie Kauffman (GA)
Penny Linke (SC)
Kim Markham (GA)
Stephanie Mathson (MI)
Molly Miller (VA)
Deborah Milner (FL)
Ashly Morrison (NC)
Nancy Mullins (MI)
Tiffany Pinciaro (MA)

Kathy Puckett (MD)
Jaime Restorff (TN)
Lisa Rohn (MD)
Brenda Russell (ME)
Dawn Schuetz (IL)
Candace Seal (AZ)
Mindy Shapiro (NC)
Catherine Spannagel (IL)
Anggie Thompson (NC)
Beth Van Slyke (WA)
Emily Wackler (OH)
Aimee Walrath (NY)

New Rattitude's 2023 Canine Clinic Dogs

Some of the dogs rescued by New Rattitude have severe illnesses or other serious medical issues that are much more costly than the money brought in by adoption fees. To help nurse these dogs through their medical needs so that they can eventually be healthy and adoptable, we find sponsors to help with the costs. In 2023, sponsors helped with the supplemental vetting costs for these dogs in [New Rattitude's Canine Clinic](#).



Iris and Lily - Dental Surgery and Mammary Mass Removal

To prepare senior Rat Terriers Iris and Lily for adoption, New Rattitude made certain all their known medical issues were addressed. In January 2023, both girls had surgeries.

Iris had a giant fistula (hole between the oral cavity and nasal passageway) repaired where her upper right canine used to be, as well as removal of three masses in her mammary chain. Lily had a large fistula repaired where her upper left canine used to be. In addition, both needed additional dental extractions.

Iris and Lily were in rough shape when they were rescued from a Wisconsin animal shelter, but every day from now on will be filled with comfort and love.



Iris, adopted in January 2023, resides in Wisconsin. Lily, adopted in February 2023, resides in Minnesota.



Boomer - Environmental and Food Allergies

Allergies can be as frustrating to dogs as they are to humans! Boomer loves to be outside but his little feet were perpetually red because he is allergic to things that grow out there!

Boomer was returned to New Rattitude in February 2022 after his adoptive mom passed away. He suffers from skin allergies, and attempts to get it under control through antihistamines, anti-itch shots, and medicated baths failed.

In May 2023, Boomer had skin testing to determine which allergens showed a positive reaction, followed by immunotherapy shots to train his immune system to reduce his allergy reactions for good!

Boomer was adopted in November 2023 and resides in Texas.



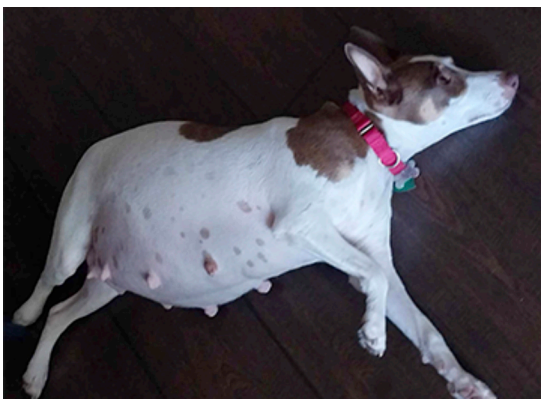
Mollie - Demodectic Mange

Mollie was found as a stray and brought to a county animal shelter in Georgia. She was severely emaciated, and nearly hairless as a result of an acute case of demodectic mange. Mollie also had several kinds of intestinal parasites, which contributed to her malnutrition. She required several months of hands-on care, including every

other day baths with a prescription shampoo. She was put on a special high calorie prescription food three times a day and NexGard every month to treat the mange. Over time in foster care, Mollie's skin improved, her hair began growing back, and she gained weight.

New Rattitude was so grateful for all the generous donations sponsoring Mollie's medical care. In two days, over \$2,000 was raised. This special girl wanted for nothing in her journey to better health!

Mollie was adopted in December 2023 and resides in Georgia

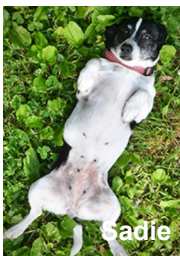
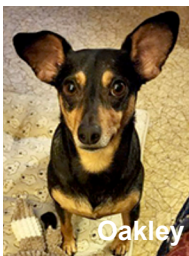


Jilz - Pregnant, Heartworm Positive, Leg Surgery

At the time of her rescue, three-year-old Jilz lived outside in a kennel in the blazing heat with two unaltered males. You've heard of backyard breeders? Jilz was dumped by her "breeder" along with four three-month-old puppies, and one eleven-month-old puppy. Days later, we confirmed that Jilz was pregnant **again**!

In addition, Jilz needed surgery to remove pins in her leg from a prior orthopedic surgery. She limped and couldn't straighten her leg because the pin went through the elbow. And, she was heartworm positive, so needed to endure painful heartworm treatment.

Now that all that trauma is behind her, Jilz is ready to enjoy a healthy, love-filled, puppy-free, active life! See the related feature story "It Takes A Village" on page 18 for the details of the momentous rescue of Jilz and her 11 puppies. *Jilz's adoption has been approved and she will soon be going to her forever home in Georgia.*



Evie, Oakley, Sadie, Star and Dolly - Heartworm Treatment

Mosquito bites can be more than itchy--they can be deadly, too. Heartworm disease in dogs is a potentially fatal condition that's transmitted through mosquito bites and has been found in all 50 states. This is why you've heard your vet recommend heartworm prevention at each one of your Rat Terrier's visits!

Unfortunately, Evie, Oakley, Sadie, Star, and Dolly tested positive for heartworm disease. Treating heartworm infection and killing the adult worms that infect the dogs heart, lungs and arteries is very expensive (about seven times the cost of annual heartworm medication!) and requires months of treatment and multiple veterinary visits. During the treatment period, pets must be kept quiet, with exercise avoided.

New Rattitude appreciated help from our followers in supporting the cost of their heartworm treatment, as well as cheering Evie, Oakley, Sadie, Star, and Dolly on to wellness!



Sadie was adopted in July 2023 and resides in New York. Oakley was adopted in August 2023 and resides in Virginia. Star was adopted in September 2023 and resides in Virginia. Dolly was adopted in October 2023 and resides in Virginia. Evie's adoption has been approved and she will soon be going to her forever home in Virginia.

Financials

New Rattitude, Inc. 2023 Annual Financial Statement Overview of income and expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2023

New Rattitude, Inc. is tax-exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN 26-3103215. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Our Form 990 submissions to the IRS can be found at [Guidestar.org](https://www.guidestar.org).

Gold
Transparency
2023

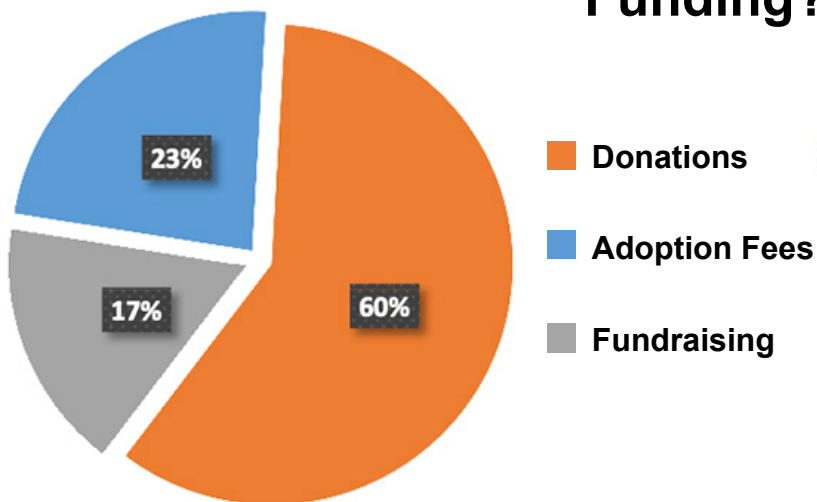
Candid.

New Rattitude Rat Terrier Rescue earned the 2023 Gold Seal of Transparency with [Candid.org](https://www.candid.org). This achievement illustrates our commitment to openness and accountability with our mission, programs, and financial data to our supporters and followers.

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2023		\$ 198,804.29
Revenues:		
Adoption Fees		\$ 22,050.00
Donations		\$ 55,973.42
Fundraising		\$ 16,174.82
Miscellaneous		\$ 1,237.98
Total Revenues		\$ 95,436.22
Expenses:		
Medical Expenses	\$ 65,197.81	
Non-Medical Foster Parent Expenses	\$ 5,340.28	
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 5,816.50	
Program Expenses	\$ 3,340.14	
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,778.00	
Marketing and Promotional Expenses	\$ 168.22	
Administrative expenses	\$ 1,430.65	
PayPal fees and bank service charges	\$ 1,755.72	
Total Expenses	\$ 84,827.32	
Revenues minus Expenses		\$ 10,608.90
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023		\$ 209,413.19

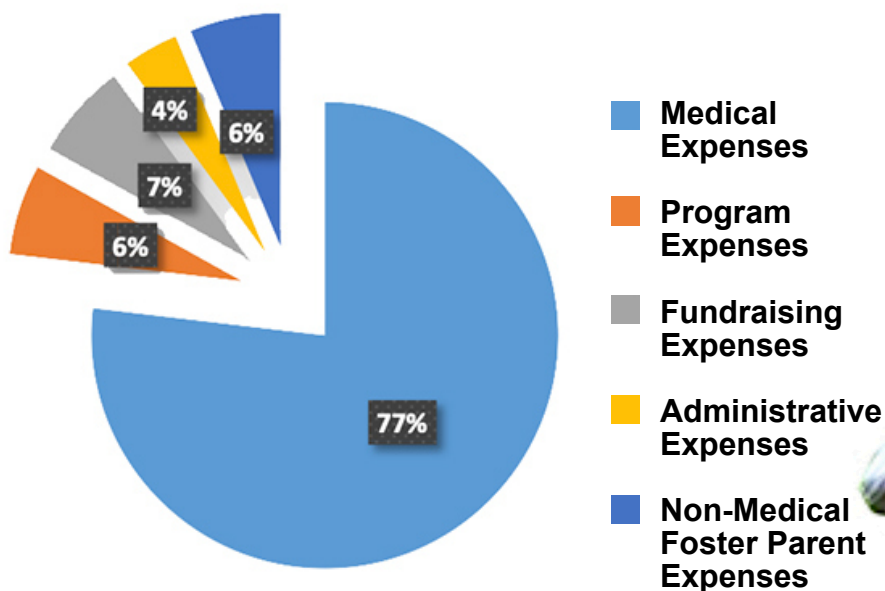
Martigan (VA)
Adopted December 2023

Where Does New Rattitude Get Its Funding?



Our low adoption fees made up less than a quarter of New Rattitude's operating revenues. We are dependent on public support through charitable tax-deductible donations and fundraising.

How Does New Rattitude Spend Its Revenues?



Nearly 80% of New Rattitude's expenses go toward medical care for our foster dogs. Adding in the cost of dog food, dog transportation, boarding, microchips, ID tags, and collars, 83% of our spending is directly related to the rescue and care of needy Rat Terriers.



Dahlia (WI)
Adopted October 2023

Fundraising

Seventeen percent of our 2023 revenue came from fundraising. Primary fundraisers included:

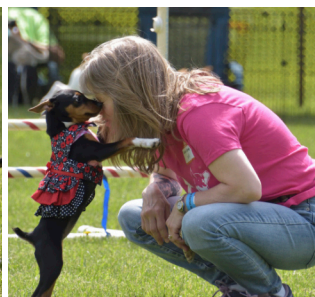
- **18th Annual Rat Terrier Jamboree**, April 2023.
- **Annual New Rattitude T-Shirt Sales**, April - December 2023.
- **Annual Calendar Photo Contest and Calendar Sales**, September - December 2023.
- **Online ReTail Shop Sales**, throughout the year.
- **Charity Donation Programs** (Kroger Rewards, ResQ Walk), throughout the year.

SAVE THE DATE!

New Rattitude invites YOU and your rat terriers to join us this spring for the **2024 19th Annual Rat Terrier Jamboree**, **April 26-27**, in Sweetwater, Tennessee. Registration is open now. Visit our [Jamboree web page](#) to register, and watch the [New Rattitude Facebook page](#) for updates, photos, and info.

Come Play!

T-SHIRTS!



2023 Jam Photos by Gary Thompson

Donations

New Rattitude received **\$55,973** in donations in 2023, representing 60% of our revenues. We are grateful to the following supporters who made monetary contributions to New Rattitude from January 1 through December 31, 2023.

Faithful Friends (Gifts from \$1 to \$249)

Amy Adler
Tim and Kathy Allen
Jason and Pam Armas
Melanie Armstrong
Kristen Asci
Lennie Aversa
Martha Bailey
Sandy Baker
Terri Banner
Sandra Bartolin
Susan Beard
Ann Beauchamp
Claudia and John Berges
Katie Bies
Nancy Biscontini
Christina Blackwood
Paul and Linda Blake
Blissfully Balanced
Living, LLC
Brandi Boudoin
Charles Brunner Jr.
Melissa and Jeffery Burkhalter
Ken and Denise Burki
Lon Bussell
Linda Capen and Jim Mabe
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Gretchen Chambers
Melinda Chaparro
Lori Choy
Frank and Darlene Cole
Bailey Collazo
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Brian and Debbie Costlow
Sarah Cowgill
Chris Crockett and
Robin Richardson-Crockett
Vicki Crowley
Anne Cunningham
Deborah Daniel
Elizabeth Davis
Ashley Day
Rita and Steve Deimler
Jean Dennison
Katie Dickey
James Dodd
Larry Downing
Tosha Edins
Miranda Edwards
Karen Elliott and
Lucinda Fleckenstein

Denise Esslinger
David Fellers
Deborah Foster
Mike and Phyllis Freeman
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Tammy Gilbert
Jilan Glorfield
Darlene Griffin
Donna Grimm
Elizabeth Gruber
Pam Gruell
Susie Guidry
Richard Gustin
Doreen Habben
Kathy Harrington
Glenna Harrison
Judy Hartgerink
Jane Haviland and
Tom Jenkins
Teresa Hayes
Christina Higgins
Scott Higgins
Joseph Hirdler
Todd and Mary Kelly
Hoffman
Sean Hooper
Janet Hubbard
Amy and Randall Hurt
Cindi Hutchinson
Hien Huynh
Maddie, Steve and
Ashley Irwin
PoWah Isaak
Roxana Jackson
Jim and Patti Jeffries
Rob and Mel Jones
Jen Kahler
Anton and Beverly Kamnick
Daniel Kangas
Sue Kangas
Aubrie Klouse
Amanda Laabs
Petra LaForest
Aartiee Lallwani
Blanca and Pano Lamis
Patty Landry

Janine Lange
Vince Lavery
Vicki and Richard Leary
Antonia Lee and
Daniel Plaza
Laurie Leslie
Penny Linke
Ellie Loijens
Tara Lutley
Marya Makowski
Donald and Sharyn Mason
Craig Mathson
Stephanie Mathson
Cynthia McCallister
Eileen McConnell
Douglas McDonald
Joani and Pat McGowen
Lori McGuire
Susan McGurk
Greta Mikell
Christopher Milensky
Kate Moore
Nancy Moore
Jennymarie Moran
Betty Law Morgan
Susan Mulligan
Nancy Mullins and
Ann Davis
Susan Murkland
Kelly O'Connor
Bonnie Odermann
Vicki Olszak
Kim Page
Doris Penn
Pauline Penn
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Pam Perryman
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Patricia Powell
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Puppy Sangal
Rahul Sangal
Mark Sargent
Joanne Schaus

Thomas Schenck
Allyson Schneider
Dianna Schulz
Antonio Setragni
Cheryl Shanks and
Curtis Copeland
Terri Simpson
Jane Skrovan
Ann Marie Smith
Sherry Smith
Scott Solomon
Sally and Ryan Spannagle
Zachary Spiker
Melissa Spinelli
Marcia and
Robert Sterkenburg
Vickie Stoll
Tracy Stone
Grace Strauss
Kelli Strauss
Cassandra and
Rick Stutesman
Lisa Sullivan
April Swingler
Andrea Tennison
Sandra Thompson
Patrick and Alyssa Tierney
G.P. Timm Charitable Fund
Jane Touchet
Stu Tyler
Diane Uithoven
Brook VerMeer
Ryan Wagner
Amy Wardlow
Kelly Warren
Arlene Warshaw
Shannon Waters
Jennifer Watson
Terri Webster
Grover and
Janice Wedgeworth
Nanette Weeg
Stephanie Weger
Kathy Wells
Paul and Jessie Wilson
Janice Wohlfeil
Linda Wood
Jennifer Young
Cassandra Zwart

Donations cont'd



Apricot (SC)
Adopted January 2023

Loyal Companions (Gifts from \$250 to \$499)

Hannah Bachelder
Lori Bisch
Olivia Brasch
Jayna Bundy
Angelique Concepcion
Clarence Conner
Hildreth Cooper
Mary Cussatt
Vickie Dunagan
Sarah Foley
Chris Ford
Roger Grimshaw
Michael Hodges
Jennifer Pietenpol
Bruce Rylander
Susan Snow
Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Fancier Group
True Platform

Blue Ribbon Buddies (Gifts from \$500 to \$999)

Jason DeVries
Ron and Angela Egan
Stephanie Hammond
Theresa Lex
Kelly Martin
Mike and Debbie McPartland
Candace Seal
Hal and Ann Strong
Monica Vallin

Best of Show Award (Gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,999)

Bank of America
Debbie and Matt Conigliaro
Laurie Dempsey
Melanie Houlihan
Nancy Knipp
Joey and Molly Miller
Elizabeth Rohn
Allison Stone
Emily Wackler
Wells Fargo Community Giving

Grand Champion (Gifts of \$3,000 and up!)

Jan and Ray Pezzi
William Pollock

NEW RATTITUDE DOGS ADOPTED IN 2023

These former New Rattitude foster Rat Terriers have found their “furever” homes.
CongRATulations to the new adopters and WELCOME to the
New Rattitude family!

DOG	FOSTERED BY	ADOPTED BY
Aaron	Laurie Dempsey	Barbara Irish-Devaney
Apricot	Dan Frisbie	Donna Nettles
Archer	Molly Miller	Chelsea and Kevin Christian
Augie	Kathy Puckett	Kathy Puckett and Brian Sheron
Barbie	Carissa Miller	Lynn and William Hekker
BayLee	Amy Heitshusen	Amy and Randall Hurt
Bessie	Karen Stewart	Debbie Daniel
Blu	ReHome Program	Barbara Masters
Blue	Molly Miller	Yoel Acevedo and Karen Benavides
Boomer	Wanda Pezant	Sherry Smith
Brix	Terry Beale	Mary Lynn Haven
Buckley	Bethany Adams	Julie and Dean DuFresne
Bugsy Malone	Lorie Dunn	Lorie Dunn
Carlos	Molly Miller	Dena and Eric Penner
Cooper	Cassy Stutesman	Claudia and John Berges
Copper	Mindy Shapiro	Gregrey Patrisso and Natalie Deeb
Cosmo	Paige Sliney	David and Louise Ferrera
Dahlia	Kelly Fox	Jennifer and Ron Szarzynski
Daphne	Candy Conrady	Brandi Boudoin
Darby	Denise Merricks	Donna and John Leggat
Darryl	Candy Conrady	Candy and Steve Conrady
Dennis	Kelly Fox	Antonia Lee and Daniel Plaza
Devo	Molly Miller	Aaron and Peppy Cummings
Dolly	Frank Bennett	Andrea and Rob Tennison
Ducky	Molly Miller	Oulayvanh and Douglas Meister
Elizabeth	Laurie Dempsey	Richard Casson and Kenneth Eden
Ellie	Amy Heitshusen	Becky and Joe McGee
Ellie	Bethany Adams	Marcia and Robert Sterkenburg
Ellis	Denise Merricks	Patricia and Dannie Rios
Elsie	Mindy Shapiro	Nathaniel Miller and Lindsey Sanborn
Emma	Amy Heitshusen	Amy and Randall Hurt
Etta	Wanda Pezant	Cynthia McCallister
Faith	Molly Miller	Melanie Armstrong
Finn	Kate Moore	Michele Ancora and Mark Weissman
Freckles	Cassandra Zwart	Amy and Ophelia McClung
Gigi	Amy Heitshusen	Lisa Ramig

DOG	FOSTERED BY	ADOPTED BY
Harry	Kim Auxier	Leah DiOrio and Steven Marti
Heidi	Denise Merricks	Rachel and Jesse Gresock
Honey	Dan Frisbie	Judy and Steve Schumann
Iris	Kelly Fox	Betty Frey
Jaxson	Kim Auxier	Jolynn Calvert
Jhase	ReHome Program	David and Mary Bristow
Junior	Nina Cross	Nina Cross and Daniel Godinez
Kalena	Mindy Shapiro	Anton and Beverly Kamnick
Kate	Maddison Boike	Lindsay Dahlberg
Kaylie	Lorie Dunn	Lorie and Thomas Dunn
Kelly	ReHome Program	Joyce Graff
Kim	Laurie Dempsey	Darlene Cole
Kobe	Amy Heitshusen	Melissa and Jeff Burkhalter
Larry	Vickie Kauffman	Pam Simmons
Lilly	Mindy Shapiro	Aubrie Klouse
Lily	Dan Frisbie	Linda and Carl Cooksey
Lily	Cassy Stutesman	Elizabeth Carlson
Lokii	Cassy Stutesman	Cassandra and Richard Stutesman
Lola	Nicole Dossey	Staci Cooper and Carl Ihling
Macho	Cassandra Zwart	Diane Stanley
Marc	Terry Beale	Mary Lynn Haven
Martigan	Denise Merricks	Mary Kelly Hoffman
Merlin	Frank Bennett	Becky and Matt Dishman
Meta	Terry Beale	Stephanie Hammond
Milk Tea	Dan Frisbie	David Friedman
Milky	Dan Frisbie	Patrick and Alyssa Tierney
Mollie	Karen Stewart	Karen and Ted Stewart
Monet	Lisa Rohn	Sarah Foley
Moo Moo	Dan Frisbie	Amy and Brian Hubbard
Moonpie	Mindy Shapiro	Cheryl Shanks and Curtis Copeland
Nellie	Molly Miller	Jane Haviland and Tom Jenkins
Nipper	Frank Bennett	Frank and Dee Bennett
Nonie	Terry Beale	Greer Nelson
Oakley	Frank Bennett	Becky and Matt Dishman
Peanut	Jennifer Camisa	Blanca and Pano Lamis
Pico de Gallo	ReHome Program	Vicki and Richard Leary
Piper	Carissa Miller	Carolyn Retzlaff
Rat a tat ta	Jennifer Camisa	Chris Crockett and Robin Richardson-Crockett
Reeses	Dan Frisbie	Tiffany Miller
Reggie	Candace Seal	Roger Grimshaw

DOG	FOSTERED BY	ADOPTED BY
Rocco	Lisa Rohn	Jessica Decina and Nick Francis
Rose'	Terry Beale	Victoria Vercammen
Sadie	Frank Bennett	Deborah Alpert and Glen Straw
Sam	Kelly Fox	Kelly Fox
Sassy	Amy Heitshusen	Ron and Angela Egan
Scout	Molly Miller	Thomas and Amber Eby
Sebastian	Molly Miller	Dorian Escoe
Sonny	Frank Bennett	Andre and Karen Corporal
Star	Frank Bennett	James and Amy Canty
Star Lee	Amy Heitshusen	Shawn and Tiffany Wilson
Steve	Kelly Fox	Marisa Kluth

DOG	FOSTERED BY	ADOPTED BY
Stewey	Vickie Kauffman	Kelly and Nick Foss
Sydney	Laurie Dempsey	Donald Mason
Tansy	Denise Merricks	Mark Sargent
Taylor	Amy Heitshusen	Christine Boldt
Tboy	Karen Stewart	Karen and Ted Stewart
Tinsel	Kate Moore	Kate and Bob Moore
Trudy	Amy Heitshusen	Jason and Pam Armas
Tyler	Karen Stewart	Jacqueline Roberts
Velma	Melody Hassell	Suzanne Guidry
Viola	Terry Beale	Grover and Janice Wedgeworth
Willie	Frank Bennett	Paul and Linda Blake
Zeus	Amy Heitshusen	Emma and Anthony Whitley



Something to Talk About!

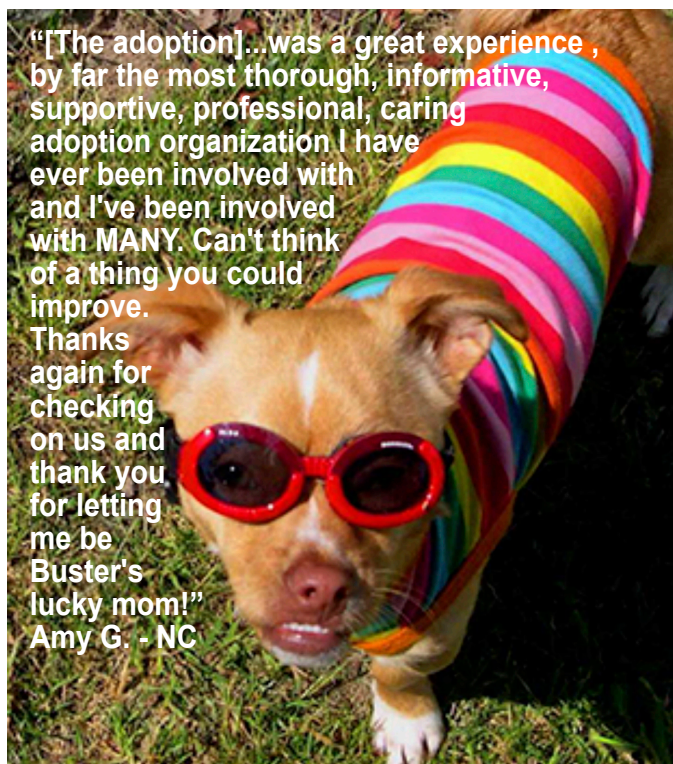
What Folks Are Saying About New Rattitude!

"Our adoption process was smooth and went well. We appreciated how communicative his foster mom was and all of her knowledge about his temperament and needs. We had a pretty good idea of whether he would be a good fit before our meet and greet, and she was willing to bring him along to our home check so we could make sure that he and our current dog would get along. She has stayed in touch and has been a good resource if we had any questions along the way."
Kelly S. - FL

"[The adoption process] was very smooth. The interview was extremely involved. We love [Gimli] and can't imagine the household without his morning frolics." Caitlin R. - GA



"We are so thankful for NR and the priceless gift you have given us! Pippa is such a lover and we are so glad she is a part of our life! Thank you NR for all your work! We will continue to support your organization."
Lindsey S. - TX



"[The adoption]...was a great experience, by far the most thorough, informative, supportive, professional, caring adoption organization I have ever been involved with and I've been involved with MANY. Can't think of a thing you could improve. Thanks again for checking on us and thank you for letting me be Buster's lucky mom!"
Amy G. - NC



"I had been looking specifically for a Rattie for over 6 months with no luck, mainly unaffordable. New Rattitude made adoption possible for me as I am on a limited income. Klondike's fosters did a highly outstanding job training him and getting him ready for adoption. I know it was hard on them to see him go but I appreciate it that they did. He's a special dog that's been through a lot in his first 4 years. He's miles in progress the past 6 months. His character keeps on coming out in him." John L. - TN

"Snuggling with my New Rattitude pup right now! The interview process is a bit intense, but very legit organization...They make sure the dog is in good hands and the right fit!" Lindsey S.

"I've been giving to them for about 16 years. Good group." Hildreth C.

"[New Rattitude] is a first rate, long standing 501c3 rescue. Don't hesitate." Esther B.

"I have transported for New Rattitude. Great organization!" Doug M.

"I have two from [New Rattitude]. Great experience. I hope to volunteer for them in the future." Jeanne F.

"We adopted our sweet pooch from NR. They are amazing! Her foster mom was so great, taught her manners and commands. We would only adopt from them in the future. Highly recommend!" Katherine W.



"Last night we had to say goodbye to one of the sweetest and most beautiful rescue dogs ever. After nearly 15 years with us, cancer got the best of her, but our Sassy remained loyal and devoted until the last moment. This lovable creature was only happy when with her family and all their friends, and most recently, with the residents where my mom is in assisted living. No matter who she met she would bring a smile to their face. She was playful, friendly, and eager to please. She now joins her rescue sister, Lucy, after 10 years together, and her rescue brother Grady.

Thanks to New Rattitude for finding these three gems for us and enriching all of our lives. We highly recommend this agency for anyone who wants to adopt an intelligent, trainable, loving pet." Kim R. - MA

It Takes a Village...*The rescue of Jilz and family*

HOW IT STARTED

It all began in mid-June 2023, when one of New Rattitude's foster parents was contacted by another rescue who alerted her to "two purebred RT" puppies in need.

"Anyone have room?" she inquired of other NR foster parents. A couple of days later that rescue need grew as two puppies became four three-month-old puppies, an 11-month old female, and "one mom," thought to be in heat. All of these dogs lived in Louisiana, outside in a kennel in the blazing summer heat, along with two unaltered male Rat Terriers. They were said to be owned by a "breeder," but we don't want to elevate the owner to that status. This person may have bred Rat Terriers, but he/she was not a responsible breeder.

On June 30, 2023, NR volunteer Wanda loaded up her van and transported all six dogs to the Atlanta, Georgia area to Amy, a New Rattitude foster parent that agreed to keep them temporarily until they could be further distributed to other New Rattitude foster homes with openings. The 11-month-old pup stayed with Amy; two puppies went to another Georgia foster home, and two puppies were flown by Pilots N Paws to a Wisconsin foster home. Their mother, Jilz, was spoken for by a foster home on the East coast and Jilz stayed with temporary foster mom Pat while plans were being made to transport her there.

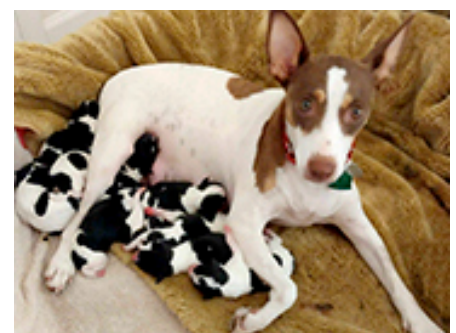
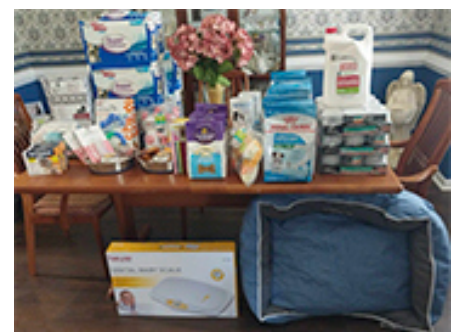
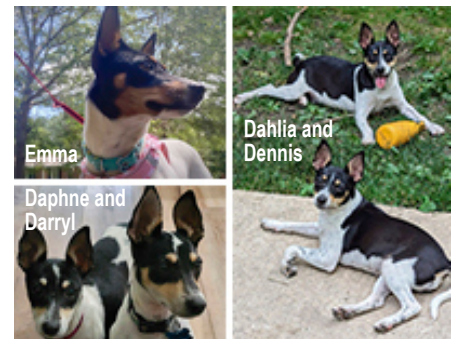
SURPRISE!

On July 24, Pat took Jilz to the vet to be spayed. Surprise! She wasn't in heat after all – Jilz was pregnant. Again! This would be her third litter within the past year, and she was only three years old herself! Based on xrays, she'd be delivering 7-8 puppies in about ten days.

Plans for transport to the East Coast foster home were called off. But Jilz's foster mom wasn't prepared for whelping and raising puppies. She didn't have any of the supplies needed. So what did we do? We held a virtual puppy shower through social media to make sure Jilz and her kiddos would have all their needs cared for! New Rattitude set up a "wish list" on Chewy.com. In a single day, the wish list was completely fulfilled, including \$125 in Chewy gift cards and donated items with a value of over \$700. In addition, we raised nearly \$2,000 in donations. With supplies now in hand, we were officially on puppy watch!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On August 4, Jilz went into labor. The first puppy was born at 11:32 p.m., followed by another before midnight. The rest of the litter was born on August 5. Jilz shocked us by delivering a total of ELEVEN puppies – six handsome boys and five beautiful girls, all tri-colored. They were named Aaron, Archer, BayLee, Darby, Ducky, Ellis, Elsie, Kalena, Star Lee, Sydney, and Tansy.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE cont'd

RAISING PUPPIES

Raising a large litter presents some extra challenges. Jilz was a great mom, but the puppies had to have their feedings supplemented. They had to be weighed regularly to make sure all of them were gaining weight as expected. After a few weeks, the puppies' eyes opened and they started moving around. They outgrew their kiddie pool and needed a new pen set up. They had a bout of diarrhea, caused by an intestinal tract infection. There were trips to the vet, administration of medications, and SO much clean-up.

When the pups were about eight weeks old and had their first vaccinations, it was time to distribute them to other foster homes. Seven of the eleven puppies were flown to Alexandria, Virginia and from there were divided between two additional Virginia foster homes. Two pups went to another Georgia foster home and two of them flew to a foster home in North Carolina. Mom Jilz was transported to a foster home in Tennessee. The puppies were kept in pairs (or in one case, a trio) so that they could continue to learn things from one another, like social behavior and bite inhibition.

FOREVER HOMES

When we accepted mom Jilz and her five older puppies into our foster care program, we had no idea that we were also committing to eleven little ones hiding in her belly! New Rattitude foster homes really stepped up to the plate to make sure this little family was well taken care of.

After the puppies were fully vetted including spays and neuters and all their vaccinations, our amazing Adoption Team took on the enormous task of screening adoption applications. New Rattitude is typically flooded with applications when it comes to young puppies but managing this process for a litter of eleven magnified everything!

Between August and December, all eleven puppies and their five older siblings were adopted by lucky families.

JILZ

A lot of attention was put on the adorable puppies, but none of them would have been here without their mother, Jilz. After giving birth to her third and final litter, she still had some health hurdles to overcome. Jilz was spayed in early October, followed by surgery to remove a pin in her leg. The pin had been inserted in a previous (pre-rescue) surgery. Removing it was necessary, as she wasn't able to bear weight on that leg. After the pin surgery, Jilz underwent treatment for heartworm disease. Finally, with all that trauma behind her, Jilz is now ready to enjoy a healthy, love-filled, active life!

As of the writing of this story, Jilz's adoption has been approved and she'll soon be going to her forever home in Georgia with the Babcock family and their male Rattie, Stuart.



Pilots N Paws flew these seven puppies from Georgia to be fostered in Virginia foster homes.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE cont'd

THANK YOU, NEW RATTITUDE VILLAGE!

There are so many people to thank for this successful rescue adventure. Our list includes:

- **Second Chance Dog Rescue of Louisiana** for the initial rescue of the six dogs from the backyard breeder, making temporary space for them in their foster homes, and taking care of some of the initial vetting.
- **Wanda Pezant**: New Rattitude volunteer/foster parent in Louisiana for coordinating NR's intake and transporting the six dogs to Georgia.
- **Pilots N Paws** for flying nine of the litter of eleven puppies to their foster homes in Virginia and North Carolina, and two of the older puppies to their foster home in Wisconsin.
- **The New Rattitude foster parents** who opened their homes to this "wild bunch" and their mom and older siblings:

Pat Graham (Jilz and all eleven puppies through age 8 weeks and coordinating flights)

Terry Beale (Jilz)

Candy Conrady (Darryl and Daphne)

Laurie Dempsey (Aaron and Sydney)

Kelly Fox (Dennis and Dahlia)

Amy Heitshusen (Emma, BayLee, and Star Lee)

Denise Merricks (Darby, Ellis, and Tansy)

Molly Miller (Archer and Ducky)

Mindy Shapiro (Elsie and Kalena)

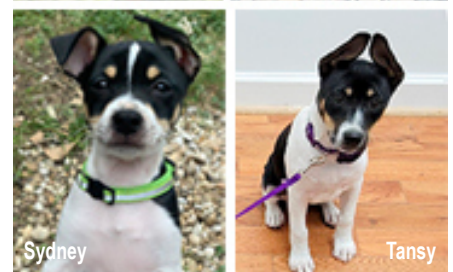
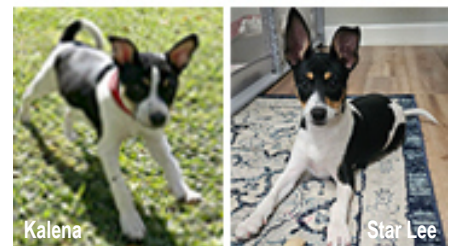
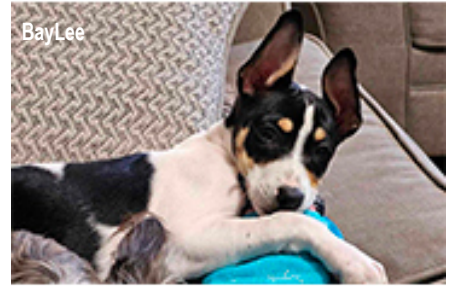
And of course we need to thank all of our adopters, followers and supporters! Without you, the rescue and rehoming of these 17 precious Rat Terrier lives could not have happened!

POST SCRIPT

The origin of the phrase "it takes a village" is unknown. Some believe it to be an ancient African proverb, others believe it comes from the Native American culture. The second half of that phrase is "to raise a child," but at New Rattitude we replace that phrase with "to save a Rat Terrier." This story truly illustrates how many people (the village) it can take to pull off a rescue – whether it be a single dog or, in this case, seventeen of them!

New Rattitude receives rescue requests on a regular basis. We wish we could save them all. The only things holding us back from saving more dogs are the shortage of foster homes and transportation to get them there. The transport help we receive from the volunteers of Pilots N Paws through flights by private plane has been a game changer for New Rattitude in the past year or two. We do need more foster homes, however. You can foster for New Rattitude from almost anywhere in the United States. Please consider joining forces with us in 2024. We need you in order to be able to respond to more pleas for rescue help.

Learn more about fostering for New Rattitude here: [Fostering with New Rattitude](#)
Submit your membership application here: [Membership Application - New Rattitude](#)
Thank you for considering it! We really do need you!



Join Us!

Love Rat Terriers?



www.NewRattitude.org

Lend a Paw, Save a Life!

Share your love for Rat Terriers by opening your home and heart to a homeless shelter dog. New Rattitude Rat Terrier Rescue and Adoption is looking for foster homes where a rescue dog can live in a real home environment while waiting for its Forever Home.

Foster Homes Needed!

Foster home families provide care for their rescued dog, socialization, training, and lots of love and affection.

New Rattitude provides the rest, including:

- Foster parent training and ongoing support
- Prompt reimbursement for vetting expenses and dog food
- Wormers and flea/tick preventative
- Microchip, collar, leash, and ID tag
- Nationwide exposure to promote your foster and an experienced and diligent adoption team to ensure your foster finds the perfect adoptive home
- A wealth of tools, resources, and in many cases, funding available for education, training, assistance with behavioral challenges, and other foster home needs.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

New Rattitude also has many non-fostering volunteer positions available, including adoption application processing, fundraising, publicity, website development and support, various administrative roles, and more. Choose an area within your skill set, interest, and available time.

For more info, visit <https://newrattitude.org/foster/faq/>

To fill out a membership application, go to

<https://newrattitude.org/volunteer/membership-application/>

