

From the dog coordinator

Hi, I'm Kim Patton and I'm the new dog coordinator. I've been with Freedom Farm for around 7 years. I started volunteering with the rescue when I found puppy at work.

I really liked that Freedom Farm is a foster home program. I was impressed with the volunteers and how the rescue worked. I've learned so much from everybody

with the rescue and some who have gone off to do something different. I truly believe that you learn from everybody that you come in contact with. So, I continue to learn.

I'm very lucky to start as the dog coordinator with some of the best foster homes and I hope to grow. The more foster homes that we have the more we will be able to

rescue. Our goal isn't the number adoptions we can do but to find the best homes for our rescues. As many of them come from bad situations and really deserve a loving forever home.

Not much will change. I like how the rescue was working and don't think I need to make any big changes. I still handle donations off of our wish list so if

someone would like to make a donation please fill free to contact me at akitas2love@yahoo.com.

If someone would like to talk or meet with me feel free to contact me at the above e-mail address or I usually can be found at Petsmart on Saturday from 11am to 2pm.

Thanks so much,
Kim Patton

Ask Abraham

Dear Abraham,

My human is considering installing a fence around our yard. I am a really good pup and stay in my yard. Why would my human want to fence me in?

I bark at my neighbors but only in good fun and I would never bite anyone. Am I in trouble?

Signed,

Fang the Chihuahua

Fang,

Your human is probably just concerned for your safety. Fences not only keep us in but they also keep other predators out. According to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, coyote sightings have increased in our area due to new development and the drought.

I understand that they want kibble too but I want to make sure my canine

friends are safe. Coyotes will attack any small animals and at times larger dogs and humans.

TWRA suggests that no dog or cat food be left outside and to cover outdoor garbage cans securely to reduce the chance of wildlife visitors.

Rabies is also a big concern. A fence can keep a rabid animal from entering your yard and harming you or your family. I hate to say it but it can also keep bad

humans from stealing us from our owners.

As you can see, there are many reasons why a fence is a good idea even for good dogs that stay in their yard. Be glad you have a human that is concerned for your safety.

Abraham

In Memoriam

**THOSE WE HAVE HELD IN OUR ARMS
FOR A LITTLE WHILE,
WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER.**

In memory of Julia Dawn Wahl by William N. Russell.

In memory of Freddie, faithful friend and companion for 10 years, and Miss Marilyn, whose life with me was short lived, but is sorely missed, Margaret Stogner.