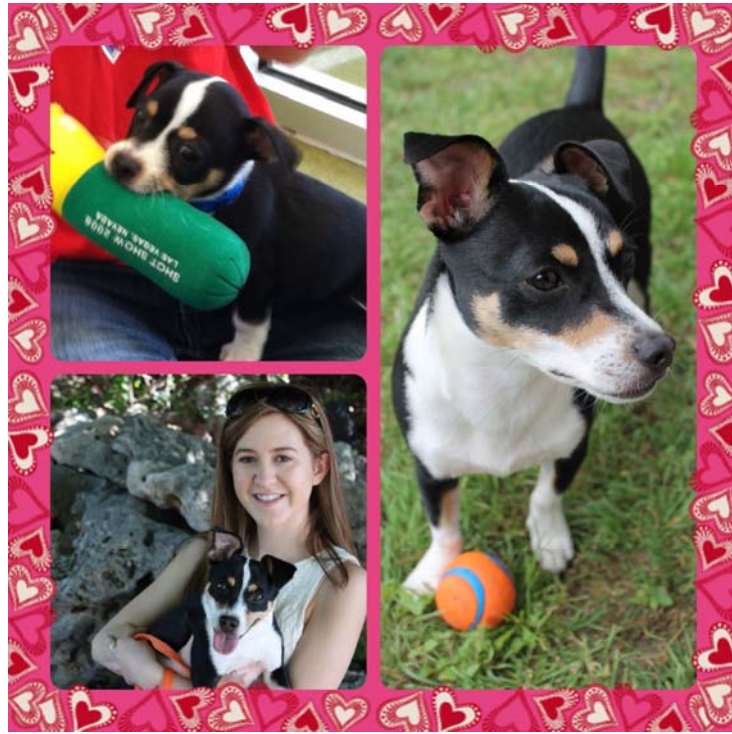


Rocco



This is an update on Rocco (formerly known as Trick at SAHS). In Fall 2011, my mom and I decided to start looking for a dog. We began our journey by researching dog breeds and looking at the various shelters around town. We visited SAHS and met Rocco right before closing time. In the little time I spent with him, I knew he was the one for us. I instantly had a connection with him. While other dogs we had visited on previous visits would be shy and reluctant, Rocco came right up to me and sat in my lap. It was puppy love! Unfortunately, it was too late to start the adoption process so we would have to return the next day. I woke up super early to make sure we were the first ones through the doors. As soon as the SAHS unlocked their doors, I headed straight towards Rocco. We completed the adoption process and would pick him up the next day. I was a bit nervous knowing we would have a two-month old puppy in the house (I'd never had a pet), but I knew it would be all right. Rocco was only four pounds when we brought him home – all curled up, he fit perfectly in a floor tile - he was so small (he's now a healthy 16 lbs). The staff at SAHS told us that Rocco might be tired that first night but tired he was not. He was excited and nervous to be in his forever home but he quickly adjusted. Rocco loves playing outside with the Chuck-It, cuddling up on the couch, and going for his daily walk. He is also very big on naps! It has been almost two years since Rocco joined our family. It has been such a fun journey getting to know him and watching his personality develop. Rocco is a great joy in my life and has been a wonderful addition to the family. I love the saying "Dogs don't just leave paw prints on the floor, they leave them on your heart" – this is so very true of my Rocco. I love him so very much and am thankful for the mission and efforts of the SAHS. - Hannah