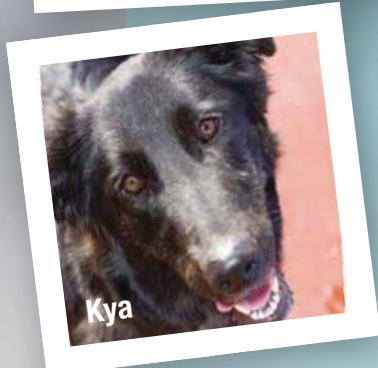
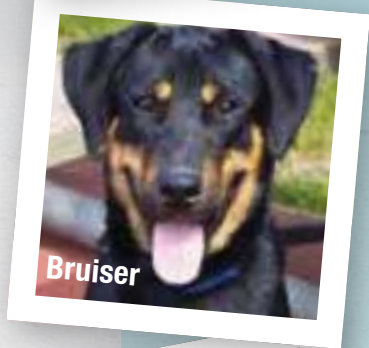


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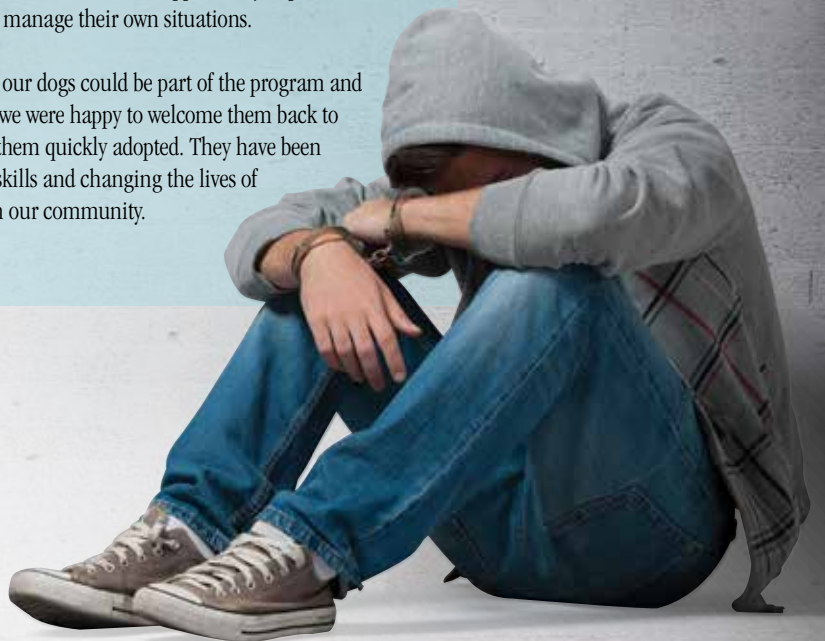
Dogs helping people

4 weeks, 4 dogs & 4 young men

The HBSPCA was privileged once again to work with the Arrell Youth Centre by providing a program that teams up 4 of our adoptable dogs with 4 young men from the Youth Centre. The Arrell Youth Centre is a 22 bed, secure custody/detention centre, operated by Banyan Community Services, that is designed for boys between the ages of 12-18 who have been charged or found guilty of an offence under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

For 4 weeks in July 2012, 4 residents from the Youth Centre were teamed up with 4 dogs from the HBSPCA. During this time, the boys were responsible for the training and care of "their" dog with the help of staff members from the HBSPCA and Arrell. The boys learned patience, compassion, empathy and responsibility by caring for and training the dogs and our dogs learned the basic skills and manners making them more adoptable. While working with the dogs, the boys used the principles of positive reinforcement and behavior modification, which allowed them the opportunity to practice the strategies needed to manage their own situations.

We are thrilled that our dogs could be part of the program and after 4 weeks away, we were happy to welcome them back to the shelter and see them quickly adopted. They have been busy learning new skills and changing the lives of some young men in our community.



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