

# THE FACE OF FOSTER:

## Haze & Marie



(WAYNESBORO, Ga) **May 16, 2010** – When Haze and Marie Jenkins decided to open their home to Old Fella foster dogs, they did not anticipate the tremendous love such a decision would bring into their lives.

Haze & Marie saw the worst before they saw the best, when it comes to fostering. You see, the first puppies they welcomed were tiny and gravely ill. In fact, these three puppies were diagnosed with the dreaded Parvo just days after arriving. Only one survived. Haze & Marie decided to adopt him – they call him Patches.



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Once a property is contaminated with Parvo, destroying the virus – which can persist in the environment for many months -- is a daunting challenge. Haze & Marie bleached the kennels and then bleached them some more. After losing two puppies, they were not certain they wanted to continue as foster parents. The heartache was real and, because they had three Parvo positive puppies in their yard, the uncertainty of whether their property could ever host other puppies really dampened their spirits.

When Old Fella received an urgent call to assist two Pugs – Cherry & Peaches -- one with a severe eye injury, it put feelers out to all of its foster homes to see if anyone could accommodate these dogs. The older of the two dogs had to undergo emergency surgery to remove her ruptured eye. Both dogs required daily medication and attention. Well, despite all – Haze & Marie stepped up. They offered to take these two Pugs in and care for them. Cherry, the younger of the two transported to Massachusetts shortly thereafter, where she was adopted.

Peaches stayed on with Haze & Marie while her eye sutures healed. And then she had an extraordinary surprise for them. She was pregnant and on April 17<sup>th</sup> she gave birth to nine healthy puppies!

Today, Haze & Marie foster Addie (German Shepherd puppy), Peaches plus her nine, and Buttercup (Adult Yellow Lab). And of course, Patches is a permanent part of their family.

For the many lives you have touched & the countless lives you will save.....

## THANK YOU, Haze & Marie!



**Addie**



**Peaches**



**Puppies**



**Buttercup**



**Patches**