

Rockyspot NEWS

The RockySpot News is dedicated to letting our volunteers, adopted families and supporters know what the rescue is doing and what they can do to help. If you have an address correction, suggestions and ideas, or a story you would like to include in the RockySpot News you can email them to

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Happy

Located in central Oklahoma, RockySpot Rescue, Inc. is an all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of abandoned, abused or unwanted Dalmatians. We provide consultation assistance to current and future owners for the welfare of the Dalmatian and participate in educating the public about the Dalmatian breed.

We are not a shelter, but a small group of volunteers. Our space and finances are extremely limited, and we can only take shelter dogs.

RockySpot was founded about 8 years ago by Theresa Monnard. Starting as a backyard breeder, Theresa soon realized that many Dalmatians were being abandoned and abused, instead she began to house these unfortunate dogs. Theresa's home and land is now used by RockySpot to house, feed, and care for 38 needy Dalmatians.

The release of Disney's "101 Dalmatians" and the, "102 Dalmatians" movies focused attention (who could resist such loveable dogs?) on the Dalmatian breed. Hundreds (thousands?) of litters were bred in

anticipation that an increased demand for spotted puppies would clearly spell PROFIT. While some of these breeders were able to sell their litters, other's weren't so lucky and entire litters were simply abandoned or turned into shelters. Pups who were sold to unprepared impulse buyers were also left on the doorsteps of shelters across the country and there were few homes for the UNwanted adult Dalmatians.

Over the year of 2002 The RockySpot Rescue found homes for over 100 dogs. We could not have done it without your generosity and the help of our volunteers and foster homes. The RockySpot Rescue is completely depended on donations and volunteers to continue saving dogs.

At this time of year we ask that you consider The Rocky Spot Rescue in your Holiday giving. All donations are tax deductible, and we have enclosed a pre-addressed envelope for your convenience.

We thank you and the Dogs thank you too.



Two Lost Souls Unite

It was August of 2001 when I took in my first foster dog from the Rocky Spot Rescue. I had lost my rottweiler, Venus, of 7 years in April of 2001 and was still heartbroken. I was not sure if I could handle another dog but then the call came. We had a dog with a severe case of heartworms and was in desperate need of a foster home in which she could recuperate from the treatment in peace and quiet. They thought of me because I had no dog in my household at that time. I went to pick up the dog and she was a sad sight. She had no hair on her head due to trying desperately to escape from her kennel. Her fur was yellow from neglect and she walked with a limp. We got home and both looked at each other with wary eyes. Neither one of us was sure we were willing to love and trust another. It was hard to look into those chocolate brown eyes and see the deep pain and dark secrets that lay behind those eyes. Sasha and I were cautious with each other at first not willing to give too much of ourselves and risk the pain again. I had to take Sasha to the vet to get his opinion on her limp in her front legs to see if there was anything to be done about it. He felt on her legs noticing that the joints would not

bend in the front without severe pain. He told me that her legs had been broken before and no treatment was given so they did not heal properly and the limp would be with her for the rest of her life. I took Sasha back out to the car and put her in the front seat. I looked again into those haunted eyes and could only imagine what it would be like to have two broken legs and no love or treatment to help with the pain. I was amazed that this beautiful creature had survived all of this and was still willing to give another human a chance. I looked at her and she gave me a gentle kiss on the cheek as if to say, "It will be ok mom." And I burst into tears. I was hugging Sasha fiercely and crying, wondering how anyone could do such an awful thing to a living creature while remaining amazed at the resilience and trust of this animal. That day I knew we would be together until the day Sasha goes over the bridge to wait for me with Venus. We came together at a time when both of us were lost souls and needed healing and the strength to love again. Sasha gave me that special gift and now I am blessed with her profound love everyday of my life.

Wish List

The following is a list of items that the rescue could use. If you would like to donate please contact the rescue at ????

Chewies: rawhides, bones etc. the bigger the better
Collars: size 18-22in
Stainless steel water buckets for drinking
Stainless steel non-tipping food bowls
Short heavy duty extension cords
Blankets, old and stained are fine
Food Bins
Tarps
Flea control medicine
Computer desk



Tail-Waggin' Wonders

4 cups all purpose flour	1 cup oatmeal
1/3 cup vegetable oil	1 1/2 cups water
1/4 cup margarine	4 vegetable bouillon cubes
4 tsp. Imitation maple flavoring	

Preheat your oven at 300 degrees. Dissolve bouillon in water. Mix all ingredients. Roll out 1/2 inch thick. Shape into biscuits or cut into circles with a small drinking glass. Bake for 25 minutes. Brush with margarine when warm. Allow to cool completely, before giving them to your dog.



News Flash...

We are happy to announce the RockySpot Rescue 2003 Calendar is now available. You can view this adorable calendar on line at www.rockyspot.com.

You may order online with Paypal or send a check to:

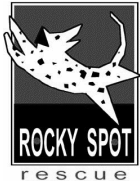
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Calendars are \$20.00 each with a suggested shipping charge of \$2.18 for the first calendar and \$1.32 for each additional calendar.

All the proceeds from the sale of the calendars go to providing food, shelter, and medical care for the dogs.



We hope you all really enjoy the calendar and thank you so much for your pictures and support of the rescue!



How do I love thee?

"To my dog(s): How do I love thee?"

Let me count the ways...

I love thee agreeably - enough to let your stinky dog hide on the bed after a run through damp leaves, mud and slug infested gardens.

I love thee steadfastly - enough to devote a year to raising you from a wobbly speck into a strong, healthy adult.

I love thee passionately - despite your repeated efforts to probe my ears, eyes and mouth with the same tongue you use for various other atrocities.

I love thee well - despite the amazing odors you produce.

I love thee deeply - though you use me as a napkin at every opportunity.

I love thee madly - despite the various bodily functions you have performed at inappropriate moments - in inappropriate places.

I love thee constantly - despite the dog "bladder curfew" I have lived by for many years.

I love thee truly - despite the "doggie landmines" hidden in the grass.

I love thee absolutely - because you never (well hardly ever) hog the remote control.

I love thee gratefully - because you stay by my side (or on my side).

I love thee devotedly - more than clean carpeting, clothing, furniture, floors or walls.

I love thee bravely - enough to battle the indomitable flea on your behalf.

I love thee monetarily - enough to put the vet's children through college.

I love thee openly - I will bear any embarrassment for your furry sake.

I love thee totally - more than free time or excess cash or a predictable life.

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