

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, ideas, and/or a story you would like to include in the RockySpot News you can email them to RockySpotNews@earthlink.net

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Some Thoughts on Rescue

The following are some of the qualities I have found in the people that work with Rescue...over the last several years.
A heart of gold to accept those creatures that don't measure up as "perfect" in the eyes of the rest of the world

The people skill of a salesperson... to convince those that are looking for perfection that they will find it in a rescue dog... if they are willing to look a little deeper.

The ability to smile and speak rationally when the 100th person for the day says "I don't want this stupid dog anymore: take him or I am gonna shoot him."

Some medical knowledge... or your rescue vet bill will be bigger than the national debt.

The fine art of fundraising... so your vet bill can be reduced to just under the size of the national debt.

Patience for: breeders who don't care, won't help, turn their backs and say it's not their problem.

Patience for: owners who want a quick fix.

Patience for: a world that no longer looks at life as a gift and the lives that we create as breeders as nothing short of miracles.

A sense of humor... because sometimes a smile on your face is the only way to hide the agony and turmoil in your heart.

Personal dogs that will tolerate the never-ending stream of four legged orphans that will start arriving the moment you say ... "I have room."

I could go on, but you probably get the picture...None of us have all these things but we all know the business of rescue is a team effort. Each of us contribute what we can as a team member. Some of us cannot handle the dogs...but...there are other things that must be done. Some only want to work with the dogs...so...leave the paperwork to those who like it. No matter what your situation is, it is your willingness to help that is important. When you are ready just let us know... we will all welcome you with open arms and a never-ending stream of dogs that need you. We'll be here when you are ready.

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THE'RE HERE

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:

Rocky Spot Rescue, Inc
PO Box 98
Newcastle, OK 73065

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

With the Holidays all our lives get a little more hectic. Please don't forget your four-legged family members during this busy time.

Over the year of 2003 RockySpot Rescue found homes for over 100 dogs. But we could not have done it with out your help and generosity. The RockySpot Rescue is completely dependent on donations and volunteers to continue saving dogs. At this time of year we ask that you consider the Dalmatian 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.



The latin word adulari meant "to fawn over someone like a dog wagging it't tail."



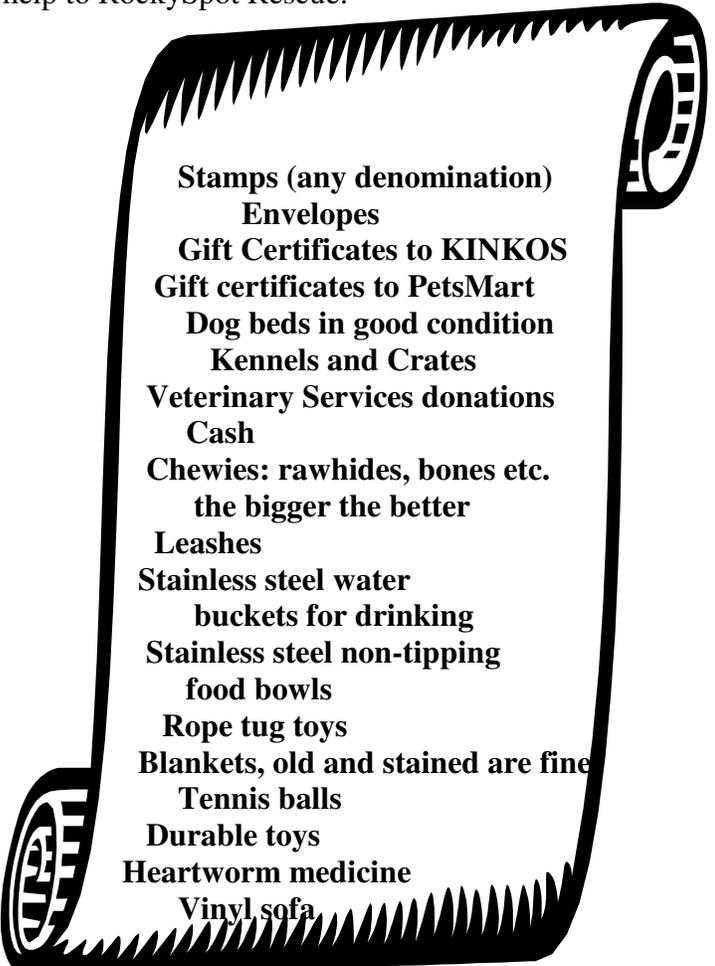
We would like to extend our love and prayers to the following 4-legged companions that touched our hearts and that have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.

Sparkles 7/17/96 – 10/8/03



All I want for Christmas?

In this time of Holiday giving we would like for you to think of us. Our organization is compiled of a handful of volunteers that spend a lot of time and a lot of their own money keeping the organization running. We have compiled a "WISH LIST" of items that we use during the year that may be tax deductible to you and a huge help to RockySpot Rescue:



**Stamps (any denomination)
Envelopes
Gift Certificates to KINKOS
Gift certificates to PetsMart
Dog beds in good condition
Kennels and Crates
Veterinary Services donations
Cash
Chewies: rawhides, bones etc.
the bigger the better
Leashes
Stainless steel water
buckets for drinking
Stainless steel non-tipping
food bowls
Rope tug toys
Blankets, old and stained are fine
Tennis balls
Durable toys
Heartworm medicine
Vinyl sofa**

We hate to ask for assistance but our resources are running low and we hope during this time of giving you will think of RockySpot Rescue. Please call with any questions. Even the smallest donations will be much appreciated!

If you would like to donate, please contact the rescue at 405-699-7358.

What it means to be a foster parent

The Dalmatian Rescue is always in need of good foster homes. But many of you ask what does a foster parent do? A foster parent is someone with a big heart that will take in a dog and love it, feed it, train it, and take care of it as if was their own, knowing that someday they will have to give it up to a new home. I think the following poem describes how rewarding being a foster parent can be.

My own pooch I've neglected,
But I tell her every day
That I love and cherish her the most,
Though a new one's come to stay.
I know she understands this,
For in her eyes I see
The love that I have given her
Comes shining back at me.
Some people think I'm crazy.
And others think I'm great,
But very few can understand
What really is at stake?
If I can reach to help a dog
To find a better way,
My own life's all the richer.....
I look forward to each day.
So now you know my secret –
It's there for all to see.
The love I give, the life I save,
I do it all for me.
--A Poem by Kathleen Parsons

If you would like to volunteer and/or become a foster parent, please call the RockySpot Rescue at 405-699-7358.

Thoughts to Ponder



Door: The thing a dog is perpetually on the wrong side of.



+ Safety First

With the Holiday Season coming up, make sure it's safe for your pet.

- **Don't feed your dog turkey bones. If you want to give them a treat, a modest portion of potatoes or yams would be great!**
- **Make sure that holiday candles are on something sturdy so that a playful pet can't knock them over.**
- **Christmas tinsel can be very dangerous if eaten.**
- **Shiny round glass ornaments, can look like toys, and so make sure that they are out of reach.**
- **Poinsettias and Mistletoe are poisonous if eaten by your pet.**
- **Chocolate can be deadly, so make sure those holiday candies are kept out of reach.**
- **Peppermint is a stimulant to dogs, just like catnip is to a cat, so if you want your tree to survive it is suggested that you don't hang candy canes on the tree.**

Remember with all the hustle and bustle of the Holiday, that you don't forget about your four legged friends.



We would like to extend an extra special Thank You to Richard Long & Mark & Laura Matsushima for their continued financial support of the RockySpot Rescue and our efforts to find loving permanent homes for Dalmatians in need.

