



# ROCKY SPOT NEWS

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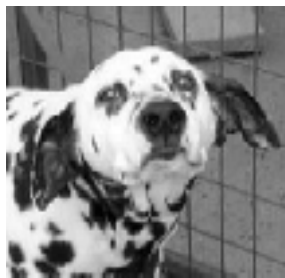
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## ADAM'S EYES!

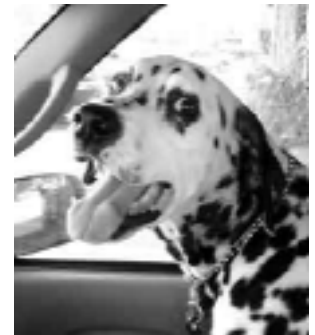
Picked up as strays, dark brooding eyed Adam and sweet, loving Eve sat in the cold dark city shelter counting down the hours till their fate. Sad, quiet Adam; with huge, massive, fleshy, horribly smelly growths in his ears and gentle, trusting, pathetically thin Eve with mangled scarred back legs and a huge tumor on her chest, waited patiently. The Lord only knows the trauma these dogs must have had to endure to have ended up here in this shape. It might actually be a blessing when their "time" came.



"Time" finally did come but not before RSR came to the RESCUE! Blunt force trauma induced tumors were removed, ears and teeth cleaned, legs evaluated and bellies full. Eve gained weight fast and flourished. However Adam still remained a dark eyed, brooding, quiet, withdrawn creature. After months of treatment, the massive infections in his ears would not heal. The earflaps were inches thick and hard and heavy, much like Adam's life. A "hard and heavy" decision had to be made as living like this was inhumane.

Oklahoma State University Teaching Hospital was consulted. They wanted to radically remove Adam's ear canals but warned of facial paralysis, dry eyes and deafness. They insisted we do this or euthanize him to relieve him of his terrible discomfort. Although this meant a massive debt to the rescue of \$2300, we felt Adam deserved more. It was a difficult decision, but it was finally decided to let OSU, Fix Adam's ears!

However, after surgery, a wonderful mistake was made and OSU accidentally fixed Adam's eyes too! His once dark, brooding, sunken eyes were full of life and expressions. What beautiful eyes he had too; sparkling, shining and full of light! Who was this dog?!?!?!



And he is smiling! Yes, our sad, quiet, sweet Adam is bouncing and laughing and smiling. Ok, so his ears are sewn shut and he is 90% deaf but he has no facial paralysis or dry eyes, and even if he did, he wouldn't care! Adam is now living pain-free for the first time in his life. And living it up too! What a joy!! What a charmer!! What a character!! What a player!! Life is good, life is real good.

We cannot thank Oklahoma State University Teaching Hospital enough for "FIXING ADAM'S EYES" (oh and his ears too!). Got to watch 'em, no telling what they will fix next!

To contribute to his massive vet bill, to offer Adam a home forever or to see Adam's beautiful eyes for yourself, please go to <http://www.rockyspot.com>. Adam will adore you for it by lavishing you with his happy smiles, wagging tail and shining new EYES!!



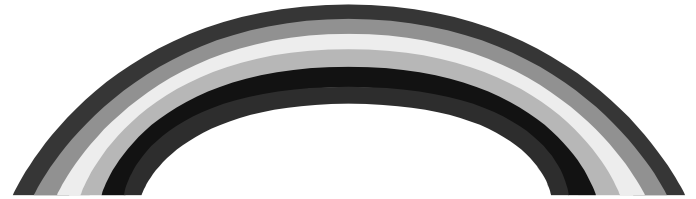
## TULSA TO THE RESCUE!

Loverboy (LB) seemed depressed since his mothers passing in 2001 as he had never been away from his Mom. He was losing interest in his normal activities, sleeping excessively and not wanting to exercise. I felt enough time had passed for both of us when we suddenly found RockySpot Rescue at PetsMart!! I was so jazzed to know there was a Dalmatian Rescue and brought LB to visit the Dals the following Sunday. He came with his weak hind legs and shook at all the excitement. He took NO INTEREST in the other dogs until this beautiful lady Dal walked up, which looked just like his Mom! He got up and trotted out the door after her for a walk, like he was 3 yrs old instead of 13! She seemed to like him too. Tulsa immediately brought spark back to LB and I believe she has extended his life another year. He will amble after her in the yard and try to see all that she does. The pure love and joy of Tulsa has kept him going.

One night while playing cards with the window open, my new neighbor's dogs started barking constantly which was not normal. Shortly after, LB, Tulsa and I went to bed. LB and I sleep heavily but Tulsa is always alert. The next morning we got up to our normal routine when I noticed there was light around the front door!! I stopped in shock and thought did someone try to break in? Well, YES the chain lock held and the locked door handle had pry marks on the jam. I called the police and when he inspected it for possible prints, it was Tulsa who went to those marks, sniffed and looked at both of us. He said, "She knows something and probably heard the door when you were hard asleep. Her running across your oak floors probably scared the intruder away." Surprisingly for the next four nights she did not come to bed with me but stayed on the couch facing the front door. An hour after reporting this, the local news announced a home intruder just south of us had gotten in and been shot by the homeowner. Tulsa no doubt was the ultimate protector that night and forever our hero. We can't thank the RockySpot Rescue enough for bringing this wonderful creature into our lives.

By: Maggie Eklund, Tulsa, and Loverboy (LB)

**This is in special dedication to Loverboy, which recent crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.**



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.

**Dutchess Combs  
Meko Sisovsky  
Myra Werhane  
Dotty Stephens**

**Loverboy Eklund  
Lucky Bradley  
Oreo Wade**

## DO YOUR SHOPPING ONLINE AND RAISE MONEY FOR ROCKYSPOT RESCUE

If you shop online, please do so through **www.igive.com**. Registration is free and you will need to select Rocky Spot Rescue as your designated charity. Igive.com is an online shopping mall that includes well-known merchants like PetsMart, Amazon and Target. By going to the site you may download Igive to your computer. By doing so, every time you are online at a site that donates to Igive, a small window will appear letting you know how much will be donated. The participating stores will donate a % of your purchase back to the rescue with absolutely no additional cost to you. This is one of the easiest ways to donate to the rescue without costing you anything! Do your back to school shopping or plan your summer vacation through Igive.



### Thoughts to Ponder

**"One reason a dog is such a lovable creature is his tail wags instead of his tongue."**

**--Unknown**



## Heartworm

### What is it and how can I protect my dog?

#### What is Heartworm Disease?

Heartworm disease is a parasitic infection that occurs in dogs and occasionally in cats, which can be fatal if not treated. The parasite is a worm called *Dirofilaria immitis* and it makes its home in the animal's heart causing the animal to become very sick.

#### How does a dog get heartworm?

Heartworm is transmitted to a dog when bitten by an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become carriers when they bite a dog that has heartworm. Young *Dirofilaria immitis* worms called microfilaria circulate through the blood vessels of an infected dog and are drawn up with blood when a mosquito bites.

The microfilaria mature in larvae, their next growth stage, within the mosquito, and are transmitted to other dogs through the wound produced when the mosquito bites them.

The heartworm larva remains in the tissue surrounding the bite for approximately 2 months where it grows into an immature adult worm.

It then enters the dog's blood stream and in 3 or 4 months reaches the heart and surrounding arteries.

The worms reach final maturity 6 to 7 months from when the dog was first infected and can now produce microfilaria offspring, thus starting the cycle over again.

#### Symptoms of heartworm

The most common symptoms of heartworm include:

- ♥ Chronic (long-term) coughing
- ♥ Tires easily
- ♥ Unwillingness to exercise
- ♥ Difficulty breathing
- ♥ Lethargy (laziness)

Untreated, heartworm disease can seriously damage the heart and possibly cause death.

#### How do I protect my dog?

While heartworm should be a matter of concern for pet owners, annual checkups with your veterinarian, screening, and a good preventative program will help keep your dog heartworm-free.

## We want to hear from you.

Do you have a touching story about one of your foster dogs, or a dog that you have adopted from the RockySpot Rescue that has brought more joy and happiness to your family than you ever imagined? We want to hear about it. Nothing makes our volunteers feel better about all the work they do than to find out it has been worth while.

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## Letters To RockySpot Rescue

Theresa,

It has been a year since I brought my LUCKY home from RockySpot Rescue. I don't know what I would do without him! He is doing GREAT! Such a pretty boy! and a love... oh my gosh!

He is also maturing nicely. He's still a goofy adolescent but he is getting very smart! He can get in the back door open from the garage to the house if I have not let him in fast enough. He (and my other dogs) brings me such joy everyday! Not a day goes by that he doesn't make me laugh!

He LOVES life and everybody! I wish you could see him. I could go on forever about funny things he does but you'd get tired of reading. You would be so PROUD!

Thank you so much for doing what you do. And all the people there!

Jana Sears and Lucky!



## How to Prepare for a New Puppy

- ♥ Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.
- ♥ Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded by a blender.
- ♥ Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain and dark saying, "Be a good puppy, go potty now - hurry up - come on, lets go!"
- ♥ Cover all your best suits with dog hair. Dark suits must use white hair, and light suits must use dark hair. Also float some hair in your first cup of coffee in the morning.
- ♥ Play "catch" with a wet tennis ball.
- ♥ Run out in the snow in your bare feet to close the gate.

- ♥ Tip over a basket of clean laundry; scatter clothing all over the floor.
- ♥ Leave your underwear on the living room floor, because that's where the dog will drag it anyway. (Especially when you have company.)
- ♥ Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favorite TV program and run to the door shouting, "No no! Do that OUTSIDE!" Miss the end of the program.
- ♥ Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning, and don't try to clean it up until you return from work that evening.
- ♥ Gouge the leg of the dinning room table several times with a screwdriver - it's going to get chewed on anyway.
- ♥ **Take a warm and cuddly blanket out of the dryer and immediately wrap it around yourself. This is the feeling you will get when your puppy falls asleep on your lap.**



**August 20th is  
National Homeless  
Animal Day!**

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