



# ROCKY SPOT 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, suggestion, idea, and/or a story you would like to include in the RockySpot News you can email them to [RockySpotNews@earthlink.net](mailto:RockySpotNews@earthlink.net)

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## NUBBY'S NEW LEG



Six years ago, a young and inexperienced momma dog, frantically chewed on the umbilical cord of a very tiny, sweet, newly born puppy. Not realizing she had got more than the cord in her mouth, she mistakenly amputated one of his front legs too.

Never knowing he was different than the others, the pup learned to hop on 3 legs, all the time shaking his nub in the air and grinning from ear to ear. Just happy to be alive!

He was comically (and maybe cruelly) dubbed "Nubby" by his humans. Realizing no one was going to actually "buy" him, the humans no longer wanted this cute, yet active survivor.

Relinquished to rescue at 6 mo of age, Poki Dobbin's Noble Nubster grew up at the RockySpot Rescue and became their much-loved mascot and working therapy dog. Although Nubby has never known that he was handicapped, the years of strain on his remaining limbs has taken its toll. Something would eventually have to be done to ensure that Nubby has a full and long life that he deserves.

So loved, not by just the RSR Rescue, but all across the nation as well, that a fund was established to help Nubby get a dream leg. Well, after 2 long years of trying to accomplish this long distance, that dream is about to become reality!!!

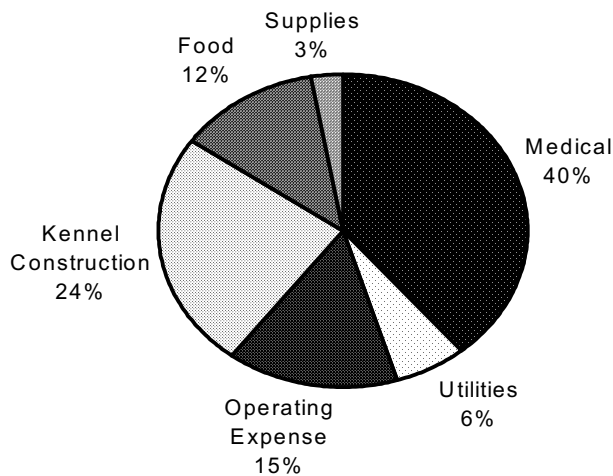
An airline ticket was generously donated in order to get Roy Scudamore of Equine Prosthetics from Florida to Oklahoma in order to make a cast of Nubby's nub. The first step in a long awaited dream not only for Nubby, but also for the RSR and many, many of Nubby fans across the nation.

Two more trips to Oklahoma will have to be financed before the final fitting of the prosthetic. Roy expects Nubby to be walking normally for the first time in his life, well before Christmas. We are all excited and will share the news as it develops. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this dream!!



## What does your donation do?

So far this year RockySpot Rescue has found homes for over 50 dogs. We could not have done it without your generosity and the help of our volunteers and foster homes. The RockySpot Rescue is completely dependent on donations and volunteers to continue saving dogs. We think that it is important to show how your donations are used.



At this time of year we ask that you consider the RockySpot 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.



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.

**Sargent Johnson**  
**Lil Girl Bradley**  
**Madison Biondolino**  
**Jake Smith**  
**Leila Soto**

**Mellie Meadows**  
**Cricket Brynen**  
**Marshfire Rosie Hyatt**  
**Domino Combs**

### 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 405-699-7358.

- Crates (Large)
- Foam crate pads
- Leashes
- Office supplies
- Lateral file cabinet
- Kuranda beds (Medium & Large)
- Chewies: rawhides, bones etc. the Bigger the better
- Rope tug toys
- Blankets, old and stained are fine
- Tennis balls
- Durable toys
- Heartworm medicine
- Table top Copy Machine
- Printer

## Get your Holiday shopping done early 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 RockySpot 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!



## Santa Pictures

RockySpot Rescue will be teaming up with PetsMart to sponsor Santa pictures from **11:00am until 4:00pm** on the following dates and locations: PetsMart will donate \$5 for each picture to RockySpot Rescue. Hope to see you there.

PetsMart at 63rd and May  
**December 4<sup>th</sup> & December 12<sup>th</sup>**

PetsMart at I-40 and MacArthur  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>**

PetsMart on Norman  
**December 18<sup>th</sup>**



## Wish Tree

At the PetsMarts at I-40 & MacArthur, 63rd & May and Memorial and Penn you can make a donation to RockySpot Rescue through the Wish Tree. Each store has a tree with ornaments with different charities designated. Just take an ornament up to the register and pay the amount and the money will be given to RockySpot Rescue.

## Health Alert

### Keeping your Dalmatian Healthy and Happy

Urinary stones occur commonly in Dalmatians and are most often composed of urate due to an underlying breed-specific difference in uric acid metabolism. Most urinary stones in Dalmatians occur in the urinary bladder; however, some believe that many Dalmatians form kidney stones. Urate stones may go undetected because they are not easily seen by standard x-ray techniques. If kidney stones go undetected, they may induce disease such as kidney failure, recurrent bladder stones, discomfort, and bacterial urinary tract infections.

Because of the unique metabolism of uric acid, all Dalmatians from birth have the potential of developing stones. Diet, constant availability of fresh water and access to urinate all contribute to whether a Dalmatian will develop stones.

The RockySpot Rescue had two tragic deaths Rocky and Rory, in adopted Dalmatians last year due to urinary stone blockage. It happens fast and there are very few obvious warning signs. In the past two months we have had three very cared for former rescued Dalmatians Rhett, Tuffy and Sport rushed into expensive emergency surgery to save their lives, due to stones. This could happen to any Dalmatian and happen so fast you might not be able to save them. It is imperative Dalmatians are fed a premium, non-beef food, low in protein and purines. Add water to the food to moisten it. Check the ingredients of their dog treats too. Make sure they always have access to fresh water. Observe them urinate daily to insure urine is actually flowing. Have urine tested at least once a year, twice a year is better. Visit the Dalmatian Club of America's website at [www.thedca.org/stones.html](http://www.thedca.org/stones.html) to read about this horrible Dalmatian killer.



## Heavenly Sent Savannah and Wilson

What a pair of liver beauties these are!! This obvious mother & son team was picked up as strays by the OKC animal control and were never reclaimed by their owners. No one bothered and the two old dogs were forgotten. Being elderly seniors, who are usually deemed “un-adoptable,” they were put on the dreaded list to be euthanized. Not wanting their last days and memories to be of a cold, scary, hard shelter. RSR decided to take them, love them, and let them live out the remainder of their short time with us instead.

So on October 4, 2003, Savannah (Vannie) and Wilson went into rescue permanently. Trying to find a safe place for two fragile seniors in an already over crowded, very active environment was literally impossible. As a necessity, the two were split up and put in different foster homes. However, they immediately informed us this was NOT going to work as they both mourned horribly for each other and refused to eat properly. They had to get back together or they would die of broken hearts.

As a last ditch effort, they were hesitantly brought out to RSR and VERY reluctantly put with the other 40, very active dogs. Surprisingly and despite their age they thrived here. Both were living happy as can be to be together again, fed and loved. However, the last few months have been hard on Vannie. Pushing at least 15 years, older than the average lifespan for a Dal, Vannie could no longer rest for fear of being trampled or hurt. Even she knew she was now

vulnerable and at risk. With nerve damage in her hindquarters, she could no longer get up and get moving like she use to. She struggles forever to stand, but once she gets up she can run in small spurts and bark and chase the wind, which she loves to do. Then she falls down and the struggle starts again. Needless to say, the rescue and its 40+ younger dogs now make it impossible for Vannie to live here any longer. There were no other options for our Miss Vannie.

Then God sent a wonderful angel to foster both Vannie and Wilson till Vannie leaves us for softer grass. It has been a year since God Blessed the RSR with these two wonderful souls and there will be a huge empty hole here without them. However Miss Vannie deserves a place of peace and quiet in her final months on this earth, a place free of fear and worry. Currently she and her son are lavished daily with body massages, baths, brushings, hugs, kisses and treats. Vannie can now relax.

What wonderful Angels God sends us .

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### Combined Federal Campaign

We are excited to announce that RockySpot Rescue has been chosen to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign for the second year in a row!!! If you are a federal employee or know someone who is, please ask them to designate RSR #9081 as one or all designated gifts for their payroll deductions! It literally meant the life or death of SOOO many dogs last year. THANK YOU COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN!



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# THEY'RE HERE

We are happy to announce  
the RockySpot Rescue

2005 Calendar is now available. You can view this adorable calendar on line at [www.rockyspot.com](http://www.rockyspot.com).

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

Rocky Spot Rescue, Inc

PO Box 98

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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.

The calendar makes a great gift for those hard to buy for people!

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