



# 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, suggestion, idea, and/or a story you would like to include in the RockySpot News, you can e-mail them to:

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## Paw Prints

From the darkest dark, from the lowest low, Bridget emerged. Thin and frail...breathing labored and barely holding up her head with the weight of a heavy cattle ear tag around her neck. Food was no longer important, all was lost. Old, alone and done...done with life.

Scared and confused, from the loud, horrible racket and smell of the cold, scary shelter, Collin sat and shivered uncontrollably. Fever raging from tick disease and pain surging through him, all was lost. Sick, alone and done...done with life.

In another part of town a sweet, sweet soul, Tasha, goes gently to be with her maker...leaving behind ENORMOUS paw prints. Prints ONE dog will NEVER fill, the void of those prints was so devastating to those around them.



Two apparently DONE dogs led by one sweet guiding soul. Paw prints, never to be filled completely but finally securely surrounded by love.

Thank you to the gentle soul of Tasha for leading two done dogs to her home...and to John and Barbara Smicklas for leaving their hearts open for them.



## Ginger's Story

May 3, 1999

A day of destruction, death and heartache. A day one young little liver Dal girl named Ginger will never forget. It tore her from the loving, secure home where she was born.

Lumped for a month in the scary overflowing city animal shelter with hundreds of other misplaced pets in the wake of the tornado, she waited patiently for her family to find her. One by one, all the animals left the shelter. After a month in the shelter, it was Gingers turn to leave; but it was not to her much loved and missed family, but to caring strangers from the RockySpot Dalmatian Rescue.

Over the next 6 yrs, the RockySpot placed Ginger into 3 "permanent" homes and 2 temporary homes, none of which worked out, through no fault of Ginger's. Time and time again, she was returned to the rescue; each time, a little older and a little worse for wear. She experienced having a pin put in her leg after being hit by a car, being abandoned and tied to a tree with no food, water or shelter, escaping only to be hit by buckshot, and going head to head with a pit bull. Ginger had just about seen it all in the 6 yrs since that fateful day in 1999. Older now, very tired and weary, Ginger at the age of 7 once again returned to rescue for the sixth time in as many years.

Then on Easter Sunday, 2005, on a day of miracles, another miracle was witnessed. Ginger's original family walked through the rescue gates. Armed with puppy pictures, they were there wondering if the dog they saw on our website <http://www.rockyspot.com> could POSSIBLY be their long-lost baby girl.

There was no need to wonder anymore. Screaming like a banshee, jumping like a kangaroo, running like a race horse and bathing them all over with one very happy wet excited tongue. Ginger answered all their questions within seconds.

From a day of destruction, to a day of miracles...Ginger finally and forever has found happiness.

Again.

## Four-Leggers' First Aid

Every household should have a first aid kit, but sometimes people forget that they need a first aid kit for their pets too.

The following is a list of recommended items for a pet first aid kit. It is a good idea to keep one at home and another one for traveling with your pet.

- ◆ Rectal thermometer and a tube of K-Y jelly to lubricate the thermometer. A pet's normal temperature is usually 100.5-102.5 °F.
- ◆ Hydrogen Peroxide and a syringe to squirt medications into the mouth in case of certain poisonings to induce vomiting.
- ◆ Benadryl (generic form is diphenhydramine hydrochloride) in 25 mg tablets for bites, stings, and allergic reactions. The proper dosage in mg is equal to your pet's weight in pounds. For example, if your dog weighs 75 pounds, the proper dosage would be three 25 mg tablets, for a total of 75 mg.
- ◆ Sterile saline or eye rinse in case of trauma or irritation to the eyes.
- ◆ Antibacterial scrub or soap or betadine to clean any injuries.
- ◆ Gauze, first aid tape, and an ace bandage.
- ◆ Emergency phone numbers for vet and poison control.



## RockySpot Rescue is Expecting

Have you ever been out shopping and thought you should pick up something for RockySpot Rescue but you weren't sure what we needed or how to get it to us?

RockySpot Rescue is now in the baby registry at Target. First name is Rocky and last name is Spot. There is a list of all the items we need on a regular basis, from dog treats to cleaning and office supplies.

We have two volunteers who will be the designated drop off points and make sure the needed items get to RockySpot Rescue.

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The list will change and be updated so check it often. By donating these items it allows money that is donated to be used for medical expenses and other needed items. Thanks in advance for your support and generosity.



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

**Hooch Monnard**  
**Boo Hyatt**

**Phoenix Vestal Paynich**  
**Lily Vestal Paynich**  
**Batton's Dancin' Lady**

## Expressions of Thanks

The RockySpot Rescue would like to thank the following for their generous contributions:

- ◆ John and Barbara Smicklas for their donation in loving memory of Tasha.
- ◆ Holly Vestal and Josh Paynich for their offer of matching funds collected during April and May.

## RockySpot T-Shirts Now Available

They come in 2 colors; Grey or white. They are available in Medium, Large, and Extra Large for \$15 and XXL through XXXL for \$18 with an additional \$2 shipping charge.

You can order them through the website at <http://www.rockyspot.com/fundraising2.html> and pay through PayPal or send your check and order request to:

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We would also like to extend an extra-special thanks to Judith Box for the artwork on our wonderful new T-shirts. Visit [www.blank-box.com](http://www.blank-box.com) and see all the other beautiful artwork available.



## RSR Gone *Mutts*

ALWAYS NUTS...But now MUTTS??? That is what we have done this month. RockySpot has literally gone MUTTS!

We gained 22 new members to our clan OVERNIGHT! That is DOUBLE! And not one a Dallie!! Not one a purebred! Yes, we are MUTTS, MUTTS, MUTTS! Everywhere you look SWEET SWEET MUTTS!

On April 1, 2005, RockySpot joined the statewide rescue effort to save 218 dogs from chains on an 80 acre parcel of land near Vici in northwestern Oklahoma. With only 10 days' lead time, many of the states all-breed, purebred, and individual rescues pulled together, took pictures and cross-posted them nationwide in an attempt to save as many of these poor souls as possible.

When down to 160 dogs, led by Oklahoma Beagle

Rescue, the canine caravan of vans, crates and horse trailers hit the road. An exhausting all-day team effort unearthed (literally) many more than the 160 dogs thought to still be on the property. When the dust settled, 208 STILL remained!! With nowhere for the extra dogs to go, RockySpot opened their unfinished kennels to 22 of those less fortunate pups. With limited kennel space, manpower, and resources, it has been a major internal RSR team effort as well. Without the aid of the RockySpot's rescue vet Dr. Don Russell of Sooner Vet in Norman, OK, the very generous public, several rescue groups and ample media coverage, RSR could not have gone MUTTS!

Log on to <http://www.okbr.org/rescue> to see the news clips and view the dogs BEFORE and after rescue. Now we must find homes for all these wonderful creatures.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING DRIVE US MUTTS and for your continued support in this endeavor!

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