



ROCKYSPOT NEWS

3rd Quarter 2005

1+1=1

On April 29th of this year, life as I knew it came to an abrupt brick wall. My mother, Dot Herendeen, passed away. Having shared and done everything with her since my Dad died 6 years earlier, I was emotionally devastated.

I remembered talking to my Mom about getting a Dalmatian. I searched on the Internet and the first site to come up was RockySpot Rescue. After browsing through the available dogs, I stopped on Dottie, namely because it had been one week since my Mom passed, and here was a senior Dalmatian that had the same name as her. I called my sister and told her about this little Dalmatian that was basically in the same boat I was in, alone and scared.

Not having a fence, I knew adoption was out of the question but decided I could at least sponsor her. My sister and I went to PetsMart and picked out a purple collar (purple was my Mom's favorite color) for Dottie. I contacted

RockySpot to let them know I was interested in sponsoring. I was encouraged to fill out the adoption form, and they would contact me. I filled out the form, and thought that was the end of that. I went on trying to put my life together and figure out a new direction to go.

I received an e-mail that RockySpot wanted to come visit me and talk about my adoption application. They brought with them a timid, shy, and scared little Dalmatian, wearing the purple collar my sister and I had gotten at PetsMart. They explained that Dottie had been in rescue over a year and due to her size and age, no one was interested in adopting her. She would do FINE without a fence.

Not having had a dog for 15 years, I was just as scared as she was, so after we introduced ourselves, Dottie ran and jumped up in a chair, and gave me a simple Dalmatian kiss, the first of many.

Well, three months later, Dottie has completely settled in, we go on nightly walks, she sleeps in a queen sized bed (that she has to share with me), we dance across the floor together, chase birds in the backyard, play fetch, and even painted two rooms (ever seen a Dalmatian with a green spotted tail?) and we are planning on going to the beach over Labor Day.

I titled this story 1+1=1, not because I can't add, but that since I adopted Dottie, our lives have become one. I can safely say that she is the best thing I have ever done for myself, and I will always look at her as a final gift from my Mom. At the same time, I saved Dottie by giving her a forever home, and allowing her to love and trust a human again. So thanks to RockySpot, it wasn't one life that was saved, but two by the adoption of one very special "Dottie" girl.

By Ron Herendeen

RockySpot Rescue 2006 Calendar

We want your best Dalmatian Photos

If you have a great picture of your Dalmatian, send it to us for the 2006 calendar

There are 3 ways to send pictures

1. Mail your pictures to us at:
RSR Calendar
c/o OKBR
PO Box 6201
Norman, OK 73070

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like your photos returned.

2. Email your photos to rsrcalendar@gmail.com. All images must have a minimum resolution of 800x600 and be less than 2 megs in size.

3. Upload your digital images now!

If you have JPG images, you can upload them directly to RSR by going to. <http://www.rockyspot.org/>

Deadline for submitting pictures is October 15th

Volunteer Spotlight

Sue Madison's current RockySpot duty is Secretary. She became active at RSR in 2000 when the kennels were moved to Newcastle that is near to Goldsby, where Sue lives. She began by doing yard work and maintenance repairs and then became co-kennel Director with Marie Maston before agreeing to her present position. She is married to John who is self-employed. They have 4 rescue dogs at home: Dal Spot, Dal Dolly, Dal Rosie, Lab mix Maddie, and have Spot to blame for becoming involved with Rescue as he was a stray and they agreed to keep him until space could be found at the Rescue (And you know how that works!). When not working for the Rescue, Sue is a volunteer fossil preparer at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman. John plays golf. They had a great trip to Virginia this past spring, delivering 2 RSR rescue dogs (Penny and Chelsea) to their new owners in Maryland and also were able to stop in Roanoke, VA to see RSR's adopted Princess and Jenna in their forever home !



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

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

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A LONG-AWAITED DREAM COME TRUE

Stranded on the side of the highway with a van full of hot suffocating dogs is now a memory of the past. Hudiburg Auto Group and Constant Companions provided RockySpot Rescue Inc. with peace of mind and a 2002 Chevy Express. The van is a vital resource to RockySpot Rescue. It is used to transport dogs to the vet and adoptions. For years the rescue has depended on a donated '87 Plymouth Voyager minivan to transport as many as 16 dogs at once. As time passed the "SpotMobile" became less dependable. Never sure if the van would make it to its destination, volunteers and their vehicles had to be on constant standby to assist.

Now thanks to Hudiburg Auto Group and Constant Companions, RockySpot Rescue can continue finding homes for homeless dogs. THANK YOU HUDIBURG and John Smicklas for making this happen!



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.

Dee Dee Rozsypal
GiGi York

Clancy Sears
Rolly Maston

SPONSOR A HOME FOR A HOMELESS PUP

== Kennel Update ==

Sponsor a kennel run and save a life!

Your one-time sponsorship of \$550 will provide a 10x5 ft indoor/outdoor run for two rescue dogs. Included in your sponsorship will be a permanent plaque on the front of each kennel with your name and/or dedication information.

We are only weeks away from finally moving dogs from many makeshift crates and garage pens to the new RSR kennel building (Arson Acres) thanks to two very dedicated, loyal, loving supporters, Doug and Linda Riebel. Construction has started on the kennels so that they will be insulated and cooled for dogs soon! The only thing standing in our way now is kennel run fencing!!

Our dream is getting closer and closer. It has taken us a long time to get this far but WE WILL NOT GIVE UP!

Look for updated pictures in our next newsletter!

Dallie Dirt Gossip of the Month:

Did you hear that Tee has a new Beau, and he doesn't have spots and 4 legs? After the Vici incident in April Tee started spending way too much time with the "Beagle Guy." After a month or so spending all of their free time together, they decided to try dating. This "Beagle Guy," Chuck, is the president and founder of Oklahoma Beagle Rescue (www.okbr.org). Finding a man that would live with 40 dogs was hard enough and finding one that also runs a rescue was nearly impossible, but leave it up to Tee. She has been doing the impossible for the past 6 years, so there is no reason to stop now.

THIRD CHANCE AT LIFE



In the first week of April 2005, one of RSR's long-term senior rescues and May 3, 1999 tornado survivor, Chloe, unexpectedly lost the use of both her front and back legs. As she was now totally paralyzed, the sad, difficult decision was forced upon us to help her pass to the bridge.

Feeling we had somehow let her down by not providing her with a forever home in the many years with us, we clung to one last hope and took the advice of a holistic vet Dr. Nita McNeil. With her encouragement, help, and patience, Chloe has made a remarkable recovery!!! She has total use of her front legs and 90% of her back!

With the aid of an online canine wheelchair company, K-9 Carts, we were led to Doreen Buchler, who graciously donated a \$600 wheelchair in the memory of her fur baby (Kasey), who no longer needed it. Although Chloe can get around slowly on her own now, the special cart allows her to run with the wind, chase birds, climb mountains and race down hills. Chloe once again is outrunning tornados. What a survivor!!

A very special thank you to Dr. Nita McNeil, Doreen Buchler, and most importantly, the spirit of Kasey Buchler for offering Chloe a third chance at life!

