



RockySpot NEWS

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Take Jake

“Jake is his name,” said the voice on the phone. The Stephens County animal control officer would nearly cry saying it. “I know you don’t take out of your area, and probably won’t take him anyway because he is middle aged and it looks like he has been hit by a car, but he is so dang special that I just had to ask... Would you please take Jake?”

“Tell me about him”, I said, thinking of how full we were, and how low our funds were, and trying to figure out how to tell this kind soul that there was not room or funds for his special boy Jake.

“Well, he is a very good dog” the man said, his voice quivering, “but he does have some problems. His right hip has a huge scar on it and he limps horribly on the front leg which has a knot on it.” Again his voice cracked as he said hesitantly, “H...he.. could have been hit by a car.. and... and ... he is not that young either. He is just not in good shape,” he said sadly. “I know rescues usually don’t have room or funds for the old and injured or sick. Dang, I am so sorry ma’am, I should not have asked,” his voice breaking again. “I usually am not this concerned about a dog in his shape but there is just something about him...just something about Jake.”

“Get me a picture and let me see what I can do to help,” I offered. “REALLY?!?” came

the hopeful response on the other end of the phone. “Yes ma’am, I will do that right now, I will get you a picture right now!” the joy in his voice undeniable.

Come to find out Jake is a liver Dalmatian, not such a common color and usually highly sought after. The decision was finally made to squeeze him in and take Jake. Tears fell freely from grown men at the Stephens County Animal Shelter when the day came to take Jake from death row.



Jake is indeed a special boy, older, calmer, very sweet, loving, and appreciative. His health, although suffering from tick and heartworm disease, was basically good. His temperament remained sweet and thankful. In the

course of his treatment it was discovered someone had indeed loved him at one time. Some unknown surgery had been done to his back hip and it had healed nicely. However the world lately had not been good to Jake as x-rays showed the sweet gentle body to be riddled with buckshot, which put him in pain and made him limp. Time is healing Jakes external wounds. Many people fought against all odds to save Jake. For whom, or why, we don’t know yet. Only time will tell what important role Jake will play in some special person’s life. One thing is for sure, that will be one lucky person and we are very pleased we decided to take Jake



Santa Pictures

RockySpot Rescue will be teaming up with PetsMart to sponsor Santa pictures from 11 am to 4 pm on the following dates and locations.



PetsMart at 63rd/May
December 2nd & 9th

PetsMart at
Memorial/Penn
December 10th & 16th

PetsMart at Norman
December 2nd & 9th

PetsMart will donate \$5 of the proceeds for each picture to the RockySpot Rescue. Bring your babies and come help save a spotted life by supporting this important fundraiser. We hope to see you there.

Please check the website at <http://www.rockyspot.com> for updates and changes to this schedule!

NEW ADOPTION SCHEDULES!

In the Spring of 2006, RSR participated in an adopt-a-thon at the PETCO store at Rockwell and Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. The managers at the store are very supportive of our efforts to help our four-legged friends and are open to any and all ideas for fundraisers that we can do in their store. They even asked us to park the van on their sidewalk to draw attention. Due to this enthusiasm, we have added PETCO to our adoption schedule below. Please check the website <http://www.rockyspot.com> for updates.

PETSMART (63 rd /May)	1st Saturday of the month
PETCO (Rockwell/NW Expwy)	2nd Saturday of the month.
PETSMART (Norman)	3rd Saturday of the month

Appointments will still be taken in the afternoons on Saturdays and Sundays for potential adopters to visit the rescue kennels. Email us at dals@rockyspot.org for an appointment!

Combined Federal Campaign

We are excited to announce that RockySpot Rescue, Inc has been chosen AGAIN to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign. If you are a federal employee or know someone who is, please ask them to designate RockySpot #9081 as their designated charity of choice in their payroll deduction contributions. It literally means the life or death for some many dogs! Thank you Combined Federal Campaign for once again letting us remain a part of your noble efforts!

Rub a Dub Dub..

Does anyone know a dog-loving plumber? The new stainless steel tub, which was so generously provided by Ethel Washington, needs connected so we can bathe the dogs in the warmth of the kennels in the wintertime months. The sink, which we desperately need to clean the food bowls, also needs water connected to it. The water lines are stubbed in the concrete; they just need to be hooked up. We will gladly pay THOUSANDS for this; Thousands of doggie kisses that is!

Glub... Glub... Glub...

After a year of use we have a very serious problem in the kennels. Our drains to the pasture are severely clogged! Can someone say DOG HAIR?? We attempted to unclog them with a snake with little success. This major problem has been resolved with a HUGE thank you to JOHN and BARBARA SMICKLAS who have generously donated a septic system and drainage upgrades to end our woes. You could say the John and Barbara have literally 'dug us out' of our mess again. We thank you, the puppers thank you, and our NOSES thank you!



ALTUS ANGELS

The Fearless Four

It all began with an urgent call from Ada, Oklahoma Animal Shelter. They had a mother dal with three purebred puppies picked up as strays. They were willing to put one female puppy and the male puppy into their adoption program but Mom and the other female would be put to sleep. RSR knew without a doubt that these angels needed help.

On June 7th, volunteer Stephanie Oseland made the long trip to Ada to rescue them. When she got there, the “Fearless Four” had escaped through a hole in the fence of the holding pen. But to our relief, the roundup was successful and the four beautiful dals made their way safely back to the quarantine pen at RSR.

Just for fun, the dogs were named for the children of volunteer Christi Fears. Hope Renae, her 11-year old daughter, shared her name with the Mommy dog. The puppies were named for son Jesse and six-year-old twins Lauren and Leah. Amazingly enough, the pups took on the personality of each respective twin as well as the older children. Hope, sweet, patient and obedient, Jesse very smart and bright and quite the rascal, Lauren, bold, outgoing and playful, Leah, more laid back, quiet and loving. Applications flooded RSR. Most unfortunately were out of state... WAY out of state.

Jesse was the first to leave to his new home in Alabama. Renamed Riot, he and his brother, fellow RockySpot adoptee, Ransom, love to swim, run, play ball, and then collapse together for a happy naptime. Partners in crime! Ransom has waited a LONG TIME for a brother like Riot.

Hope, renamed Emily, was next to find a forever home in Tulsa, Ok. Unfortunately, she fell gravely ill shortly after joining her new family. After visits to many vets, including the last resort vet at OSU teaching hospital, she was finally diagnosed with tetanus, an extremely rare illness for dogs. It was assumed that the disease came from the rusty hole in the fence through which Hope and her babies had attempted their escape from the shelter in Altus. After lengthy treatment, many tears and sleepless nights, we are happy to announce she has fully recovered and is now able to enjoy her WONDERFUL new home. Our hats are off to Miss Emily’s new family for loving her enough to rescue her yet again, at all costs.

Back at the kennel front, the “twins” had become so bonded that there was a concern about separation. How would one react when the other is adopted? But things suddenly fell into place when we discovered some friends would be driving from Mustang to Indianapolis that weekend. In a last minute flurry of activity, Leah was bathed and taken to Mustang to start her transport east. Her new family picked her up in Indiana and took her home to Michigan. At almost the same time, Lauren, renamed Sophie, was driven to Houston to meet with her trainer for a couple of weeks before she joined her new family in Pennsylvania. Since both girls left the same weekend, nobody sadly got “left behind”. Last report is each girl is indeed an angel and they are adjusting wonderfully to their new separate lives!

After four short, sweet months with the “Fearless Four”, RockySpot welcomes the newest members of our “RSR family” with the adoptions of the entire “Fears Family.” Stay tuned next time for updates from each happy home!

LOST IN RESCUE - LOST IN SPACE

Tick, tock, tick, tock. For Midnight, the lab, it has almost been 4 long years. For Adam and Eve, not quite 3 years have passed, and Kat has spent well over 2 years at the rescue. Lost in rescue, lost...And forgotten. Overlooked time and time again. No home to call their own, and no signs or hope for one. These wonderful, sweet dogs just wait patiently. They watch the young dogs come and go in a matter of months. Each time they run to the gate excited as a pup, thinking it is finally their turn to leave. Each time the light of hope grows dimmer and dimmer in their eyes as they turn, head and tail down and dejectedly go back to wait and hope...And worry. Time is running out in the once-bright eyes of these four lovely creatures. At this point they only dream of a foster home, not even a real home. Just a foster home would do for them, just somewhere quiet and calm and loving to spend their remaining years. Four loving, wonderful dogs, fully trained, housebroken and good as gold. Waiting, hoping, wanting to give their love to someone. Lost in Rescue and Lost in Space.

**That does not compute.... Danger Danger
Tick Tock**



Midnight



Adam & Eve



Kat

KALLING ALL KENNEL KEEPERS!



Kennel duty at the RockySpot Riebel Run's is challenging but very rewarding. The dogs' greetings are a little overwhelming at first because they love having the company. Each kennel is scooped and washed out while the dogs enjoy a romp in the grass. Water buckets and pools are rinsed and filled outside. Some of the dogs love to play in the water, snapping at the water coming from the hose or sticking their heads into the bucket as it is being filled. Because there are only two dogs per run, we can monitor the health and condition of the dogs more easily than before. The dogs are fed and medicated inside the kennel. After they eat, the bowls are collected and the indoor water buckets are filled with fresh water. Each dog has a laminated card with its name, food, amount, and any medicines listed, which makes feeding very easy. Some of the most peaceful times at the kennels are after a good meal or during a soft rain. If you find yourself with a few free hours, you really should take the opportunity to spend some quality time with these most grateful dogs. It is a very rewarding duty, they would LOVE the attention and we could sure use the extra set of hands.

Sweet May Goodbyes

On October 4, 2003, an older, sweet, soft fluffy gentleman was sitting with his young daughter in the OKC shelter. Upon getting him to the rescue it was obvious he had bone deterioration that we knew would eventually leave him handicapped. His daughter Emmie was adopted soon after but we knew Miles would probably be with us for life. For 2 yrs he ran and played at the rescue, happy and safe and content before the disease started taking its toll on his front legs, making it hard for him to get up. For the last 6 months, a wheelchair allowed Miles to continue to enjoy himself to the fullest extent. The first day of May, the most beautiful day of the year, Miles looked up and said "It is a good day. I am happy and loved. I am ready now." In no pain, just frustrated at his lack of ability to live a normal life, Miles excitedly took off to Sonic and McDonald for the greatest outing of his life. Belly fully of burgers, mind stimulated by new sights, sounds and smells in the beautiful day, comfortable enough to doze off into a happy, moaning, tail thumping slumber, we helped Miles walk slowly on his own four feet to meet his friends at the Rainbow Bridge. We love you, our big soft fluffy teddy bear, and we miss you horribly.

Then later that month on Memorial Day, God must have needed some more spotted love when he unexpectedly took our senior Mr. Pogo and his elderly beagle gal Bailey. At 11 yrs old Pogo had been with us since August of 2005 and truly thought he was a beagle. He bayed like one and obsessed over 'the beagle guy, Chuck' who pulled him from the shelter for us. Pogo was one in a million and always knew where Chuck was and was right beside him. A herd of beagles and one Dalmatian, Pogo, followed Chuck's every move on the property. It was



Miles



Pogo



Bailey

always quite a sight to see. To keep Pogo from making the trip alone God sent OKBR's first rescue beagle, Bailey, the monarch of the beagle rescue to escort him. There was no explanation for them leaving us so suddenly, and together, but we are sure they are both looking down and watching over us from above. Kisses to heaven for them from all of us down here.



CAMP BOW WOW

RockySpot Rescue, Oklahoma Beagle Rescue and Second Chance Animal Sanctuary were invited to participate in Camp Bow Wow's grand opening in Moore, OK in Sept 2006. Camp Bow Wow is the areas most state of the art boarding facility. Please check out their website at: <http://www.campbowwow.com>. All fundraiser proceeds of that day were split among the rescues in attendance! THANK YOU so much for the invite Camp Bow Wow!

WELCOME NEW RSR FAMILY MEMBERS!

RockySpot has had a very, very busy quarter placing dogs!!! As you can see, we have dogs living in all parts of the country and want to offer our congratulations to both the proud families and the happy dogs. May they enjoy many, many years of love and happiness together. Watch the Happy Tails section of the website <http://www.rockyspot.org> for updates and pictures from these new homes!

-- JULY--

Bing (Bear)- White family – OKC, OK
 Tyler - Lockhart family- OKC, OK
 Dazzle (Patches)- Goldstein family - Cushing, OK
 Shipley- Clausing family - Mission, KS
 Shanna - Clausing family - Mission, KS
 Roxie - Jackson family – OKC, OK
 Sally - Johnston family - San Angelo, TX
 Sam - Jungerman family - Jay, OK
 Jackson - Jones family - Parker, CO

--AUG--

Katie - Hixenbaugh family - OKC
 Razzle - Sears family - Owasso, OK
 Hope (Emily) -McCarthy family – Tulsa, OK
 Jesse (Riot) - Ebersbarger family - Greensboro, GA
 Sabrina - DeGeere family - Springfield, MO
 Rupert (Oreo) - Wilson family - El Reno, OK
 Baxter - Hyatt family - Clarklake, MI

--SEPT--

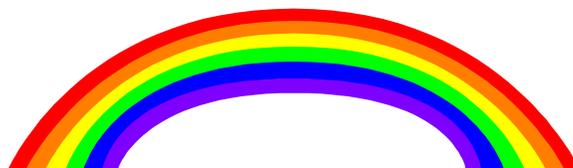
Brooke - Hasse family - Mustang, OK
 Rose - Maston family - Chickasha, OK
 Lauren (Sophie) – Sullivan family – Elverson, PA
 Leah – Orr Family – Grand Rapids, MI

2007 RockySpot Calendars NOW AVAILABLE GET YOURS TODAY!

Calendars are now available to be ordered either online at <http://www.rockyspot.org/order.php> through PayPal link or by sending a check or money order to:

2007 Calendar
 % RockySpot Rescue
 PO Box 98, Newcastle, OK 73065
 Please make payable to RockySpot Rescue

\$20 for each calendar plus \$3.85 shipping first calendar then \$1 each additional calendar. Please include your name, address, and phone number, along with any alternate shipping address or special instructions. ORDER NOW before they are all gone! Be a part of RSR Tradition!



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.

Spot – Paul & Stephanie Oseland
Cinnabun – Chuck Crawford/Theresa Monnard

Just a Dog

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

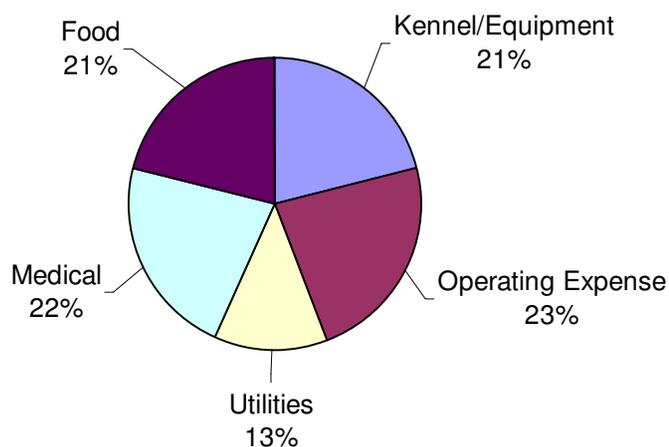
I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."

Richard Biby



What does your donation do?

So far this year RockySpot Rescue has found homes for over 78 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. We have enclosed a pre-addressed envelope for your convenience.

We thank you and the Dogs thank you too.

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