



RockySpot NEWS

FEARLESS FOUR Fabulous Updates

Emily (Hope Renae), Tulsa, OK

"I'm having a wonderful time with my new brother (Eliot). I got my bluff in on him right away so there's no question of who's the top spot around here! I've also got my Daddy wrapped around my little finger (so to speak!). I love to crawl into bed with him after Mom gets up and just snuggle! Recently I 'found' the fireplace. I put my front paws up on the hearth and toast one side and then turn and toast the other – yummy! Speaking of yummy . . . Mom baked Christmas cookies for us and they were delish! I have a big yard that I can go into whenever I want. On nice days I like to sunbathe for an hour or so. But it's not all fun and games. I have a big responsibility – chasing squirrels and bunnies, and there are zillions of them! Thank you to everyone who helped me find my new family. Life is good!"



Riot (Jesse), Greensboro, GA

"I cannot tell you how happy I am to be in my new home with my stepbrother, another Rocky Spot rescue, 'Handsome' Ransom.



Ransom and I are up early for our outside stroll, then breakfast and a two-hour nap. Next, is an extended game of chase and tug a stick then we chase the deer and pesky squirrels away. In the afternoon we have bike "walky dog" rods that lead us on our two-mile run. On the way back, we have to run past a few yappy dogs, but they are only jealous of my brother and me. In the evening, my brother lays in his mommy's lap and I in my dad's. All in all, life is good. I am a little devil at times, but my kindergarten, obedience course is helping. Ransom is an agility dog, but I will be better than he is when I start the course. Thanks to all that helped rescue us. Life does not get much better than this!"

Sophii (Lauren), Elverson, Pa

"Boy does my family love me!! They play with me all the time. I sure make them laugh. I try to growl but I really don't mean it, I know they are only playing. They played hide and seek with me the other day, and went in the house, but I just peered in every window of the house I could reach until I found them. If I am left alone I will grab something of my families (like a book, a TV remote, magazine, newspaper, a lamp, even a candle or an emery board). They come running.....I have **them** well-trained. The little dog next door, Annie and I run back and forth along the yard, until one of us gets tired. Then in the evening I curl up with dad, the TV and a good rawhide bone, then off to my crate for good nights sleep. I can tell this family really needed a puppy to love!!!"



Leah, Cedar Springs, MI

"Hello from Michigan! Finally! The snow has come and I am a snow monster! I am the queen of my domain and my spot reigns supreme at my home! At home, my favorite pastime is CHEWING! It is true. My favorite things are furniture but I would never dare say "NO" to shoes, clothes or my human brother's stuffed animals and action figures! YUM! I'm trying to curve my appetite but it sure is hard! I have a huge yard that I can go into whenever I want! My favorite pal is my cousin Copie! She is a Jack Russell Terrier. We play hard all the time and we take turns being the boss, but I normally win! :) So, I'm crazy during the day, but at night, I'm a big baby! Just give me my daily rub down, and I melt like butter! I sleep with my Mom and Dad, right in the middle of the bed so there is no fight who sleeps where. I LOVE IT HERE!"

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Ethel Washington!! Ethel, you have earned this! Three to four days a week, or even more, around noon time, Ethel could be found at the kennels feeding, cleaning, scooping and petting fur puppies. She made sure all our babies had full bellies, play time, clean runs, fresh water and a lot of love. One day before the ice storm, we woke up at daybreak with Ethel scooping the yards.. IN THE SLEET storm. Yes, this is one dedicated woman. And where was Ethel on weekends??? Resting from all her activities at RSR all week? NOPE. She would be found at Petsmart or Petco working adoptions. Nothing is too hard, or too much, or too far to drive for this diligent lady. She lives way on the other side of Oklahoma City from us and is proudly owned by one very lucky RockySpot Dalmatian named COSMO, and by all the other RSR puppies and OKBR beagles she cares for. They love it when Ethel is on duty! (As do we! WE LOVE YOU ETHEL!)



IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Adam & Eve

ADAM AND EVE HAVE BEEN ADOPTED!

After 3 long, homeless (sometimes, it seemed, hopeless) years, this wonderful, loving pair has finally and forever found their "Garden of Eden" in Texas. Thank you to everyone who followed their plight, from crushed legs to removed tumors to removed ears. Their new family says all the "flaws" evidencing their years of abuse and neglect just make them more special. What a special family for a pair of very special dogs. WE MISS YOU ADAM AND EVE BUT WE ARE ALL SO HAPPY FOR YOU. (Now Eve! Leave that cat alone! PLLLLLEEAASEE!!!)

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.

- Houston – The Atherton Family
- Lewis (Big & Fuzzy) – The Womack family
- Raven -- The Maston Family
- Devlin – The Neely Family
- Precious – The Cooper Family
- Piper -- The Hagstrom Family
- Dice – The Biondolino Family
- Gruffy – The Washington Family
- Tugger -- The Dattel Family
- Sosa Cat – The Bullard Family

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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HOUSTON – At Home

Houston, a beautiful, young, active Dalmatian, came to RockySpot in January 2006 with his littermate Whitney. It wasn't long before Whitney was adopted into a wonderful home (Her name is now Nipper!). Sadly, Houston was lost without Whitney. Then one day a miracle happened and an amazing family took him home to adopt, but within a week of finalizing his adoption, he suddenly became gravely ill and was rushed to several vets and finally to OSUteaching hospital. His new family tried desperately and went to all costs to save him. Tragically, he died quite suddenly of a very fast growing inoperable cancer.



His family says that up to 72 hours before his death he was the sweetest, calmest, best-behaved dog you could ever want. He was happy just to be with them, by their side or just near them. The only thing he EVER did to get in trouble was trying to steal Mommy's seat on the couch when she wasn't looking. Our consolation is that he was given 3 weeks in a good, loving home before the angels came to take him home with them. God Speed our Special Houston.

In an effort to help Houston's family with his massive vet bills, RSR held a raffle of a beautiful Dalmatian Purse. Congratulations to Mrs. Paul Goldstein of Cushing, OK for having the winning ticket.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser to help Houston and his family. I am sure there is one spotted tail wagging high in the sky!

WELCOME New RSR Family Members

Please help us by congratulating the adopted dogs below and by welcoming their new families into OUR extended RSR family.

OCTOBER

Emma Jean -- Smicklas Family - Norman, OK
 Zoe -- Chew Family - Norman, OK
 Dottie Mae -- Miner Family - Norman, OK
 Houston -- Atherton Family - Tulsa, OK
 Dunkin (Seattle) – Garrett Family, Norman, OK

NOVEMBER

Adam and Eve -- Wieler Family - Richardson, TX
 Spencer (Sparky) and Max -- Witt Family - Tulsa, OK
 Levi -- Atherton Family - Tulsa, OK

DECEMBER

Keagan -- Waterman Family - Elizabeth, CO
 Brandi -- Clendenin Family – OKC



**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER
YOUR NEW 2007
ROCKYSPOT CALENDAR
ON SALE NOW.**

<http://www.rockyspot.org/calendar>

All proceeds help feed and vet these wonderful dogs.

THERE REALLY IS A SANTA CLAUS!

Thank you ALL for making this an OVER THE TOP Christmas for the homeless puppies here at the shelter. Linda Riebel filled the stockings with rawhides and bones and Kirsten Newton & Holly Vestal put all the toys, clothes & treats under the tree! And to the many, many others who send in special treats and funds for their Christmas! You guys are ALL the Best!

RAVEN WINGS

Turned into the Edmond Shelter by her owners on Valentine's Day 2004, Raven was rescued as RSR's little Sweetheart. Ironically, she also had heartworms which caused irreparable damage to that sweet little heart of hers. Given less than 2 months to live in September 2004, the Maston's took her into their home as a foster to love until the Angels came for her. Raven, grounded to the house to keep her heart rate down, was so happy and well cared for that she decided to extend those 2 months to over 2 YEARS!! She just got her official Angel wings in December of 2006. Fly high little Raven, fly high and enjoy. Your heart is free and your wings are beautiful.



WINTER DOGGIE FLAB

Is Fido looking flabby? Is there a Garfield in your life? Here are some exercises you can do with your pet during the long days of winter. To learn more, visit www.purina.com/dogs/health or www.petfit.com.

- Play chase with your dog around the house once a day.
- Keep sneakers and a spare leash in the car for pretty days.
- Use a tennis racket to bounce a ball for 5 minutes around the yard or in the garage.
- Put cat treats at the top and bottom of stairs for cats.
- Tie your cat's toy mouse to a shoelace and drag it as you run up and down the hallway.

A special THANK YOU to all who have donated In Honor or In Memory of someone special.

Marilyn Anderson – In Memory of Dicey Newton
 Dennis & Suzanne Jones – In Honor of RSR Jake
 Patricia Smith – In Honor of John & Sue Madison
 Alex Yaffe – In Memory of Houston Atherton
 Brad & Ronda Smicklas – In Honor of John & Barbara Smicklas
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 Danny & Robyn Morgan – In Honor of Collin, Bridgett & Emma Jean Smicklas
 Chanelle Maston – In Memory of Belle Harrington
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