



RockySpot NEWS

Saving RockySpot

After 7 successful years of diligently saving and placing dog from the same location, one local 3rd generation "pillar of the community" wants to dissolve the RockySpot. Threatening to 'shut down' the rescue for the past 2 years, Gary Thompson finally found a complaint the City of Newcastle will have to consider; violation of the Newcastle noise nuisance ordinance. Currently the ordinance simply states, "it shall be a public nuisance for any person to keep any dog or other animal which, by barking, howling or otherwise disturbs the peace and quiet of or creates a nuisance for, any person or persons." Although there are homes less than 1/4 mile away that have no complaints, Mr. Thompson, who lives almost a mile from RockySpot, will not relent.

The RockySpot has previously put up stockade fencing around all dog runs in an attempt to satisfy Mr. Thompson's complaint of 2 years ago and is in the process of finding funds to surround the whole perimeter of the property. Plans to do fundraisers to plant trees and shrubs around the facility have also been explored. In the past, for their own safety, RSR dogs were only in their individual 25 ft concrete kennel runs when they were alone on the property. When caretakers were present all dogs were let out to run and play and enjoy being a dog. In the evenings they could either come inside or lay out under the stars.

Unfortunately, Mr. Thompson has been issuing noise citations at \$244 each to RSR anytime he feels his peace has been invaded. Due to this it has been necessary to have all the dogs locked down in their individual 5x5 inside runs with no outside privileges from 9 pm till 8 am each evening. They are only let out of their 25 ft concrete runs to play for a brief time each day and an hour each evening



At this time the City of Newcastle has worked hard with RockySpot to try to come up with a solution that will satisfy both parties. Unfortunately, Mr. Thompson cannot be satisfied. RockySpot is scheduled to go to court on this matter on July 10, 2007. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers and have a pen and paper ready to defend us if the judge does not rule in our favor. Thank you to all for your support in this matter!

URGENT UPDATE!!!! Since this article was written RSR has been hit with a malicious Rat Bait poisoning. We have lost Betsy, a young 2 yr old basset/Dalmatian mix who was a novelty at the rescue and loved by all. We currently have 3 more dogs showing signs of illness and requiring medical attention. All 40+ dogs are on precautionary Vitamin K for 30 days to try to battle this attack. Our medical bills are skyrocketing and our hearts are heavy. Upon filing a report we were strongly encouraged by the City of Newcastle to install surveillance equipment. Unfortunately unless the act is documented on video no charges can be filed. Their hands are tied as well as ours and the innocent dogs lives are at stake. We can not lose more dogs to this problem. This malicious act MUST be stopped.

EMERGENCY PLEA: RSR is in DIRE need of donated, low cost or help with funding for Surveillance equipment that will record for up to 7-10 days (the length of time for poisonings to kill a dog) and enough cameras to cover 2 acres of property with 2 kennel buildings (10-12 cameras). Initial evaluations show the need for 2 systems. (One for each kennel area/play yards). Sam's Club has systems starting at \$1100 each with weatherproof cameras costing \$100-150. Please consider sponsoring a camera or a unit to help us save our dogs.

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.

JANUARY

Choco -- Miller Family -- Salina, KS

FEBRUARY

Sarah (Sheba) -- Owen Family -- Bartlesville, OK

MARCH

Garrett -- O'Grady Family -- Topeka, KS

LadyBug -- Ritter Family -- Norman, OK

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.

Sosa Cat -- The Bullard Family

Memphis -- The Deuce & Aimee Watson Family

Taylor -- The Richard & Cathy Long Family

Thomas (Mini Max) -- The Oklahoma Beagle Rescue Family

Ren -- The Shannon Johnson Family

Dingy -- The Tish Reid Family

Little Sister (Sissy) -- The Jennifer Moore Family

Jasmine (now with Snoopy) -- The Mary Ann Nastro Family

Betsy Bop -- The Crawford/Monnard 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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Seniors for Seniors
I spoke with my dear Grandma
(A wondrous soul is she)
About the need for a *good friend*
Since Grandpa died, you see.
She cried "He was my life" and then
In poignant tears, she said
"I never thought that, once he'd gone
I, too, would feel this dead."
My heart was torn asunder
My mind was in a whirl.
I knew that I must find a way
To comfort this Old Girl.
"Dear Grandma, would you think about
A dog or cat to tend?
There are so many needy souls
Their love could surely mend."
She blankly shrugged; with a sad smile
"It just would not be fair
For me to take a critter in
Who needed twelve years' care."
"But, Grandma - There are seniors
Those who, like you, could thrive
On grace, and love, and tenderness
Without which, few survive."
A look came over Grandma's face
Hope was again aglow.
Now one old dog, once overlooked,
Has blessed my Grandma so.
Marcia Hodgson

Adopted: Long Term Seniors

Midnight's day has finally dawned!! After 5 long years in rescue our little black Midnight (Ladybug Bear) finally has a home!! And what a very special home to drive 24 hrs total to get her and her RSR spotted brother Wiley. No longer left behind and forgotten, our little senior "Bear" is radiating happiness all the way from her new home in Minnesota! You can see the light on the horizon.

KAT you old Rascal!!! Three years in rescue is a long LONG time for an older senior gentleman whose life is ticking away slowly day after day. But good things come to those who wait! Little did we know that Kat had a "plan" and that plan included running off to a new home in Kansas with a sexy little 8 yr old spotted bombshell named Pearl. You GO KAT!! Enjoy your freedom finally and your wonderful new home and exciting life with Pearl.



For Adoption 1987 Fleetwood Bounder

Lonely? Needing adventure? Something missing in your life?

Well we can help fix that!! Through the generosity of a wonderful RSR family member, supporter and friend, Suzanne Mears (suzannemears.com), RSR has a wonderful, well cared for and well loved motor coach looking for that forever home. This lovely 1987 model 27' Fleetwood Bounder has been recently groomed with \$8,000 in updates. Totally self contained, this sweet vehicle comes equipped with a full bath and kitchenette as well as 2 tv/vcr's for your enjoyment. Able to sleep 4 comfortably, you could not ask for a better travel companion. With only 77,000 miles it will keep you safe on the road and cuddle you softly at night. Life will be more exciting and you will never be alone again.



Please come see it today and make it part of your family. Adoption fee is negotiable with a discount for senior citizens! Email dals@rockyspot.org or call 405-699-7358 for more details.

Miracle Mindy



Driving down the interstate on April Fool's Day 2007, Chuck with Oklahoma Beagle rescue spied something in the median. It could have been a box or it could have been a dog. With so many dogs running free in Oklahoma, he jokingly asked Theresa of RockySpot Dalmatian Rescue, who was with him at the time, if she 'wanted' it.

Driving a bit further something kept nagging them both. If this WAS a dog, it was in trouble! Big time! Either it would get hit trying to cross to leave the interstate or, it was already hit... injured and left for dead.

Without a second thought, they worked on turning the van around and finding their way back to the spot the 'box' was seen, hoping against hope that it WAS a box or the dog was safely across the road and well on it's way home for supper. If it was indeed a dog and it was in pain, it would need help.

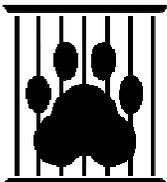
Covered in blood, mud and feces, the little German Shepherd gazed at them through the blood with frantic, pain filled, confused eyes. At last help had arrived.

A decision had to be made to either try to save this poor animal or to help her out of her pain. The funds to save her were steep. With the help of IMOM.ORG, a national emergency fundraising nonprofit organization, and Neel Vet Clinic <http://www.neelvet.com> in Oklahoma City, "Mindy" was stabilized.

[IMOM.org](http://www.imom.org), in conjunction with Oklahoma Beagle Rescue & RockySpot Dalmatian Rescue, solicited help from animal lovers everywhere. Emergency funds were raised within 4 hours and Mindy was SAVED!

Available for adoption in 8 weeks, Mindy can be seen at <http://www.okbr.org>. Please consider making this little April Fools miracle a member of YOUR family!

NO MORE PUPPY MILLS



Too many dogs for rescues to handle? Too many needless deaths of innocent loving animals in your local animal shelters? Please visit Wisconsin's <http://www.nowisconsinpuppymills.com/> website to learn what YOU can do to help Stamp Out Puppy Mills in your area. With no more puppy mills, our shelters will REALLY be 'shelters' where an unfortunate animal can come to be safe until re-homed and not come to die a needless death. With No More Puppy Mills, suffering of the innocent in the mills will end. With No More Puppy Mills, rescues can concentrate more on quality of help instead of quantity of help they give to the misplaced animals in their care. Please educate yourself and those around you on the TRUTH about Puppy Mills. Do not EVER buy from a pet store which supports puppy mills.



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