



RockySpot NEWS

Poki's Legacy

For everything, there is a beginning. Unknown to RockySpot Rescue, its "unofficial" beginning was Nov 18, 1994 with the birth of Pacifica's Mr. Poki Dobbin. Abandoned at the groomer at the tender age of 6 mo, Poki came to live with the Monnard Family and their Dals Candy and Brittany.

When pedigrees revealed the bloodlines of the most decorated Dalmatian of the time, Green Starr's Colonel Joe, Poki was allowed, in his early years, to produce many lovely puppies who carried on his beauty and gentle, loving nature. Fortunately, these puppies brought to light the severe overpopulation problem of the cherished spotted breed. In 1997, RockySpot Rescue had its first timid beginnings when "puppies" were replaced with homeless death row shelter dals. By June of 2000, RSR was an "official" rescue saving almost 100 homeless dogs a year, sporting a relentless public education campaign that has literally transformed the Dalmatian overpopulation problem in Oklahoma. *All this because of a little abandoned puppy named Poki.*

Through the years Poki has seen many, many homeless and abandoned dogs (such as he had been) come into his home. With gentle ear washings for those who needed comfort, or sharp but gentle reprimands for those that needed to behave, Poki tended to them all with great patience and sent them happily to their new forever homes. He was a wonderful advocate for the breed, welcoming folks from all over the world who visited RSR and showing them what a wonderful loving dog a Dalmatian can be.

For everything, there is an ending. Cancer took Poki from us on July 30, 2007 at the tender age of 12 yrs and 8 months. Poki is survived by his "wife" Candy Sun Up Girl, his constant companion for almost 13 yrs, and many 'children', his own, as well as those rescues he nursed back to health, physically and emotionally. Although, death has stilled his gentle heart, and shut his sparkling eyes, Poki's Legacy continues in the face of each scared homeless Dal that is pulled from the shelter, and in the joy radiating from each new adoptee as it heads off to its forever home.

God speed Poki. What an inspiration to RockySpot Rescue you have been. You are loved endlessly and will be missed beyond words but we know you are watching down from above, wagging tail and welcoming tongue waiting to bath the ears of any new arrivals at the Rainbow Bridge, including ours! Till then my friend.



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.

APRIL

Midnight (Lady Bear) - Goldstein Family - Maple Grove, MN
Wiley - Goldstein Family - Maple Grove, MN
Kat (Pop Pop) - Rauth Family - Leawood, KS
Gator - Ashlock Family - Dodge City, KS
Purdy (Weebie)- Newton Family - Boring, OR
Bella Marie - Jeffers Family - Amarillo, TX

MAY

McKinney (Mack) - Thompson Family - Springfield, MO
Princess Leia - Cox Family - Columbia, MO
Sophia - Sanderson Family - Mustang, OK

JUNE

Lucy (Suzie) - Kettner Family - Edmond, OK
Princess - McFadden Family - Muskogee, 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

Barney - The late Larry Sullivan Family
Bella Marie - The late Larry Sullivan Family
Poki - The Monnard/RockySpot Family
Beau - The Tom and Marianne Westort Family
Jessie - The Gerald & Ronda Lindsay Family
Knotty - The Tom Elliot Family
Kat (Pop Pop) - The Maureen Rauth Family
Pongo - The Keller and Sandra Stewart Family
Wilson - The Maggie Eklund 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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Raven

February 14, 2004- December 8th, 2006

How do you describe the love of your life? If I only had one word it would be Raven. She was the perfect dog; beautiful, loving, easy going, not a care in the world except to be with you every minute of the day. I was only considered her foster mom but I considered her a part of my family. She was a bright spot in my life and in everyone's she came in contact with; there was no doubt about it.

Raven came to RockySpot on Valentine's Day of 2004 from a local kill shelter. A day of hearts and love soon turns into a heart felt story for little did I know, I had a perfect dog with a hidden silent killer. Raven had heartworms, something common in Oklahoma. Although her treatment and spay afterwards all went as expected, still the same ole loving and happy dog, her heroic journey starts when she was finally heartworm free and ready to attend adoptions and find her 'forever' home.



Many times excitement would cause Raven to fall down, leading me to believe she was having mild seizures (not uncommon in some Dal bloodlines). However after bleeding from the nose one morning, the emergency vet found a heart murmur and

discovered her heart to be enlarged, damaged as a result of the heartworms. Sent home with medications she seemed to do well for awhile, until the nose bleeds started again. This time she was sent to OSU vet teaching hospital for more in-depth tests. The diagnosis was not good, pulmonary hypertension, or simply put, she was in heart failure. The oxygen level in her blood was so low it would make her faint if excited. Surgery was not an option. They gave her 4 months to live.

That was one of the saddest day of my life, with a broken heart I took her home. No longer available for adoption, she was removed from the website. In order for her to know a loving home before she left this world, it was decided she would stay with our family. Four months came and went and Raven was still with us! Amazingly, two years passed and she was still bringing joy and being her happy self. I would often times take her out to my swing in my front yard and we would swing together and let the breeze brush past our faces. My family and I dearly loved this dog.

Just three weeks before Christmas, over 2 yrs from her fateful diagnosis, she started to get very weak and stopped eating. We knew it was close to time. Friday December 8, 2006 was just like any other morning. After her usual morning routine, I laid her in her bed gave her a kiss goodbye and left for work. That was the last time I would ever see her tail wag and that loving look in her eyes. She died shortly after in the arms of my youngest daughter. Raven had touched many lives in her short time and that will never be forgotten. She set the example that we should cherish every second of everyday with the ones we love. I will always know that she left paw prints on my heart as well as on RockySpot Rescue that will never be forgotten.

—Marie Maston, Raven's mom

ROCKY SPOT RESCUE GOES BACK TO COURT

SEPT 11, 2007 at 4pm
Newcastle, OK

RSR COURT RECAP July 10, 2007: The plaintiff was allowed to make his case at our recent court hearing on July 10, 2007. The Courts listened for 2 hrs to his noise complaint case along with an audio/video tape that was filmed from directly across the street from us. Court adjourned for the day, the judge suggesting Mr. Thompson and RockySpot get together with The City of Newcastle as mediator and try to work through to a solution that would satisfy both parties.



If mediations do not lead to a resolution, RSR will be BACK in court Sept 11, 2007 at 4 pm to defend our case. Neither the judge nor the city seem willing to try to shut down the rescue, and suggested they may push everything to the next level (district court or further!) if needed. I am sure the many letters and calls they received (as well as the show of bodies in the court room) helped them form this opinion. THANK YOU!!!

As a side note, two City Councilwomen came out one afternoon for a 'visit.' They sat on the floor in the kennels and played with the dogs and talked for hours. They drove down to Mr. Thompson's house and deliberately had us get the dogs to barking. They were floored he was complaining as they could not hear the dogs over the crickets chirping in the pasture! However this dispute is not between RSR and the City of Newcastle. They are only mediators.

Please be with us during this time and consider taking time from your day on Sept 11 at 4 pm and coming to sit with us in court. The more PUBLIC FORCE they see, the better chance this will be thrown out of court. It was AWESOME to see some of your faces that day and know you were WITH us in our time of need. Having "I LOVE RSR" paper hearts on your chest was THE BEST! THANK YOU! It sends the message that Rescues are a wonderful/strong community force that can not be bullied into inaction. Thank you all for making this true..

Send in pictures NOW for the 2008 RSR Calendar. Go to <http://www.rockyspot.org/calendar> for details OR snail mail your clear crisp photos to RSR, PO Box 98, Newcastle, OK 73065. Deadline Oct 15, 2007.

You can submit up to 10 pictures. ALSO each month has 2 sponsorship spots. The first is a 4x6 color photo in the center of the other photos. The second is a black and white ghost image under the days of the month. The donation to Sponsor a color page is \$75 and \$50 for the black and white page. A FREE calendar is included with the \$75 sponsorship.



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