



# RockySpot NEWS

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](mailto:RockySpotNews@earthlink.net)

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## Oklahoma City Animal Shelter: Cruelty Case 0356732

Skin and bones and covered in sores, we were not even allowed to take pictures of him, much less touch him. He was padlocked in his small indoor cell with all the other death row dogs in pens all around him, howling and



barking as they 'left' and new ones came. Not a sound from "Spotty" as he lay curled in a shivering ball on the cold concrete floor day in and day out. His 'owner' was out on bail while Spotty did time in this scary dark cell waiting the 'court date' that would either free him of his former life or send him back to his 'owner.' RockySpot waited patiently with Spotty, visiting him when possible and even talking the shelter into giving him one of RSR's Kuranda beds so he would not have to lie on the cold floor day after day, month after month... while he waited and waited. Treated for heartworms, vetted and fed daily with limited outside exercise time, Spotty slowly began his return to health but the spark in his eye was still very dim.

Then on July 30, 2007 SPOTTY IS FREE! Free to go to rescue, be adopted or be sent to the Bridge... NO BAD OLE OWNER FOR HIM!! ..and surprise of surprises there was MORE than just Spotty in Cruelty Case 0356732. Little did RSR know there was a tiny sweet timid little black Lab girl going through the same ordeal in another room all alone. Her name was Miss Daisy and no way could we leave her there one minute longer! OF COURSE she has spots.. one big BLACK one over her whole body!! Right???

Spotty is now big man at the kennels. He runs and plays ball and barks and barks and bows and jumps.. along side him is a little tiny black

beauty smiling from ear to ear running and dancing around him. What joy it is to see both dogs on the top of the hillside, ears blowing in the wind, noses raised high sniffing the clean air and ears pricked picking up long lost sounds in the distance. .. Sounds they never thought they would hear again.. smells familiar but not forgotten. Life is good again for Cruelty Cases 0356732.

Received from a shelter worker the day after their release.

*Dear Theresa,*

*You don't know how elated I was when I went to the shelter today and saw both Spotty's and Miss Daisy's empty pens. I wasn't expecting you all to take Miss Daisy and was just hoping that they would let her go to adoption, but that is never a sure thing. I am so grateful to Rocky Spot. I try to keep the cruelty case dogs that are nice, exercised and socialized while they are here and I give all of them as much love and special treatment that I can. You all made this day one of my best days ever in my 10 years as a volunteer here. My heartfelt thanks...please give Spotty and Miss Daisy a big hug for me. Sincerely, G.L.*

NO GL..we thank YOU for loving these gentle creatures through their horrible ordeal.. OUR heartfelt thanks to you!!

**UPDATE: Spotty was adopted!! He now lives with a new spotted sister in Tulsa. YEAH!! At this time, RSR is trying to raise funds for Miss Daisy to have much needed surgery on her back hip. Then she too will be looking for her forever home. If you would like to help with this cost OR foster Miss Daisy through her surgery, please email [dals@rockyspot.org](mailto:dals@rockyspot.org) or send donation to RSR-Daisy's Fund, PO Box 98, Newcastle, OK 73065.**



## Santa Pictures

RockySpot will be teaming up with **Petco** and **Petsmart** to sponsor **NEW DIGITAL** Santa Pictures from 11 am to 4 pm on the following dates and locations



**Petsmart – 63<sup>rd</sup> and May, OKC, OK - Saturday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> & Dec 8th**  
Petsmart will donate \$5 of the proceeds for each picture to RSR.

**Petco – NW Expressway and Rockwell, OKC, OK (Date & Times to be determined)**  
PETCO will charge \$6.95 for one picture and RSR will get \$5.

Bring all your babies (human and fur) and come help save a spotted (or not spotted) life by supporting this important fundraiser. We hope to see you there. Please check the website at <http://www.rockyspot.org> for updates and changes to this schedule.

**ADOPTION DRIVERS NEEDED:** 1-3 Saturdays a month from 12 pm - 5 pm, flexible schedules (choose 1, 2 or 3 Saturdays), great benefits (lots of pupper slobbers and licks there and back), and excellent pay (knowing you helped a homeless baby find a home.) No drivers = no adoptions = no homes = sad puppy faces. **THEY need you NOW!** call 405-699-7358 **TODAY** to become part of the RSR team!



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.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dolly - The Madison Family   | Collette – The Ausanka Family   |
| DomiNoe - The Crean Family   | Ember – The Osler Family        |
| Munchie – The York Family    | Casey – The White Family        |
| Bucky – The Dudley Family    | Cinder Girl – The Riebel Family |
| Murphy – The McKinnon Family |                                 |

## Combined Federal Campaign

We are once again excited to announce that RockySpot Rescue, Inc has been chosen to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign. If you are a federal employee or know someone who is, please ask them to designate RockySpot # 76783 as their designated charity of choice in their payroll deduction contributions. It literally means the life or death for many dogs! Thank you Combined Federal Campaign for once again letting us remain a part of your noble efforts!

## 2008 RockySpot Calendars NOW AVAILABLE - GET YOURS TODAY

Calendars are now available to be ordered either online at <http://www.rockyspot.org/calendar> , through the PayPal link at <http://www.rockyspot.org> or by sending Check or Money Order to:

2008 Calendar  
C/O RockySpot Rescue  
PO Box 98  
Newcastle, OK 73065

Please make checks payable to RockySpot Rescue

\$20 for each calendar plus \$4.60 Flat Rate shipping for up to 3 calendars. Please include your name, address, and phone number, along with any alternative shipping address or special instructions.

**ORDER NOW** before they are all gone! Be a part of the RockySpot's 8 year Tradition!

## BIG THANKS

**Doug & Linda Riebel** for always being there for "mad money" and getting us to where we are today



**John and Barbara Smicklas** for coming to our aid.. more than once

**Suzanne Mears** for constantly keeping RSR in her charity work and allowing us to find a "good home" for her motor home!

**Andy Golden** for his dependable yearly donation and recently going "above and beyond" for the dogs

**Bette Harper** and her sister **Margaret Pello** for their constant, dependable and much needed donations

**Carolyn Ralston** for her never ending, consistent and literally life saving donations we depend on so much

**Patsy Perkins** in Texas for her undying love of this breed, and dedicated support in many realms of rescue

**LaVonne Niemczyk** for her faithful tithing donation for God's creatures

**Kirsten Newton** in Oregon, whose company matches her donations and who is always ready with pen in hand if the need arises

**Holly Vestal** in North Carolina for always being there.. for moral support, advise or emergency fundraising

**RSR Board of Directors and assistants** who put their heart and soul and most of their life into this rescue. And the many many others to numerous to list who keep this place going every year..

day in and day out... with monthly sponsorships and donations. Without whom we could not exist. (*you know who you are and SO*

*do WE!!*)

## THE "DOMINOE" EFFECT

DomiNoe Rebel Crean, 9 October 1996 – 10 September 2007

By Michelle Crean

Life in the Crean household has been changed immeasurably by Dalmatians. Through our Dals, starting with DomiNoe, we have learned to look at life in a whole different, creative, imaginative way. Through our Dals, starting with DomiNoe, we have made some wonderful friends all over the country. Through our Dals, starting with DomiNoe, we have become active in trying to better the world for everyone by bettering conditions for pets -- because we've discovered that people who show kindness and compassion to animals are kinder and more compassionate to their fellow human beings.

If we hadn't brought home one 14-pound spotted puppy named DomiNoe on 9 January 1997, Dillon wouldn't be with us. If we hadn't taken Dillon, we would never have become active in Animal Aid. If we had not become active in Animal Aid, Oreo the Dal would have died in the gas chamber at our local shelter and Pat and I never would have met any of our rescue friends, with whom we first made contact through the Dal Board to find a home for Oreo.

If it weren't for DomiNoe / Dillon / Oreo, we never would have driven on emergency transports to get dogs out of the front door of a pound seizure shelter as the dog dealer selling to the testing labs came in the back, never would have started Animal Aid's website, which not only has helped countless pets find homes but has also



educated literally thousands of people throughout the country and English-speaking parts of the world through our articles. And never had met Mr. Peabody and helped the crusade against the puppy mills that produced him.

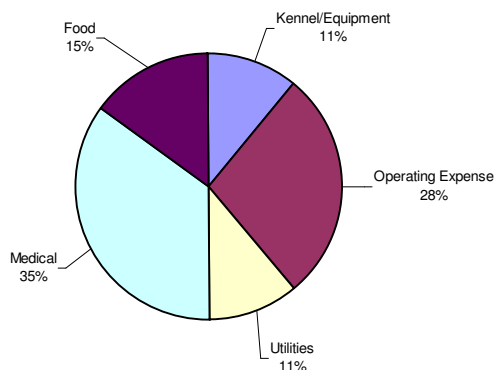
Starting with DomiNoe, the Crean Dals have more friends than we could ever imagine -- the folks who watch for "the Dalmatian parade," the Friend who visits down the street and usually has dog biscuits in his car for them. The Mailman, the UPS Men, and the Fed Ex Guys -- who all honk their horns and wave when they see us out and about! The SJ Township cops who smile and wave when they pass us on their daily patrols. The kids in the park and in the houses up and down the street. Harley the Pit Bull and Peaches the Rottie (who wouldn't have her wonderful home if we hadn't gotten acquainted with her People whilst we were out walking The Guys).

DomiNoe was an outstanding ambassador, not just for his breed, but for dogs and his Neighborhood -- which extended to wherever HE was -- in general. We'll never know all of the lives he touched, or the lives THEY touched; but ten years from now, I know we'll still be seeing ripples from his sojourn with us.

Amazing the impact that one dog has had on his world, isn't it? We call it the "DomiNoe Effect."

### What does your donation do?

So far this year RSR has found or assisted in finding homes for over 92 dogs (RSR and Assisted). We could not have done this without your generosity and the help of our volunteer and foster homes. The RockySpot Rescue is completely dependent on donations and volunteer to continue saving dogs. We think that it is important to show you how your donations are being 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 preaddressed envelope for your convenience. We thank you and the dogs thank you too!

### 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.

#### JULY

*Kennedy* - Dempsey Family - OKC, OK

#### AUG

*Harley Bassett* - Hill Family - McKinney, TX

*Rocky Blue* - Walker Family - Pelham, NH

*Dee Dee* - Comstock Family - Tulsa, OK

#### SEPT

*Hershey* - Xenos Family - Rose Hill, KS

*Ski* - Stewart Family - Tuttle, OK

*Fred* - Norton Family - Del City, OK

*Rachel* - Knight Family - Edmond, OK



**RSR still in Court:** We will keep everyone updated on the outcome of our 'noise complaint' court date which has been postponed (again) till further notice. Thank you for your support! Please keep us in your constant prayers

## I found my heart... in Oklahoma

I lost my heart in September 2005 when my almost 10 year old Dal "Dice" was put to rest from the demons that had taken over his body and mind the last few years of his life. He had been my heart, my life and my world for almost a decade. Although my other dog Lucky was there for me, my heart was gone now. I was lost.



Having been involved online with RockySpot Rescue since 2000, it was decided that a working 'hands on' vacation to the rescue in Oklahoma was in order. Being useful and having a purpose might help me heal and maybe I would not be so lost in this world.

Unforeseen circumstances delayed my trip from Oregon to Oklahoma until April 2007 where when finally arriving at RSR, I realized that I had found THE meaning in my life. THIS was home to me; these people, these animals. My broken lost heart soared the whole 5 days I was there. Surrounded by many beautiful Dals, all

sweet, loving and "perfect" in every way, I was not feeling so lost anymore. Knowing no one could ever replace my Dice, I had no plans for another Dal in my life. Going home was going to be hard but I still had Dice's buddy Lucky there for me.

Little did I know but some times the universe has "other" plans for us. As fate would have it, in a far back room at RSR, I would stumble on my heart again hidden in the shape of a little weebly-wobbly disabled 9 year old Dallie girl named Purdy (Weebie).

Returning to Oregon alone, it became obvious that this little discarded senior girl needed me as much as I needed her. Of all the beautiful, young Dals at RockySpot, this older little handicapped girl was the "perfect" one. When I realized fate had played a hand in delaying my trip to Oklahoma till Weebie was there waiting for me, I had to send for her immediately.

Only here a few months, my husband Darold, dog Lucky and I cannot imagine life without our Weebie. For a little dog that spent the majority of her life in a back yard then left to die alone at a kill shelter in her golden years, she is now a seasoned traveler. She's been from Oklahoma to the Oregon and Washington Coasts and loves the ocean and the beach. She has been to company picnics and is the all around town social butterfly captivating everyone in her presence.

Weebies finally found her forever home .... and in this little dog from Oklahoma, I have finally found my heart again...



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