

- Rainbow Bridge:
- Gator - The Weigner/Ashlock Family
  - Fala-ia - The RSR/Raaside Family
  - Calvin the Great - The Ribbens Rohde Family
  - Chloe - The Monnard Family
  - Peter - The Whestone Family
  - Melodee - The Sinclair Family
  - Lucy Ann - The RSR/OKBR Family and many more
  - Penny - The Ruth Titus Family
  - Elroy - The Thorngren family

- SEPTEMBER:
- Zip - Welch Family, South Salem, NY
  - Mattie (perm foster) - The Maston Family
  - Winnie (perm foster) - The Madison Family
- NOVEMBER:
- Romeo - Chernausek Family, OKC, OK
  - Juliet - Chernausek Family, OKC, OK
- OCTOBER:
- Sasha (perm foster) -- Horn Family, Yukon, OK
  - Wizard (perm foster) - The Maston Family

Please help us by congratulating these adopted dogs, and welcoming their new families into OUR extended RSR family!



**"WELCOME,  
New RSR  
Family  
Members!"  
1st  
Quarter,  
2009**



# "SPOT ON!"

## Quarterly Report, March 2009

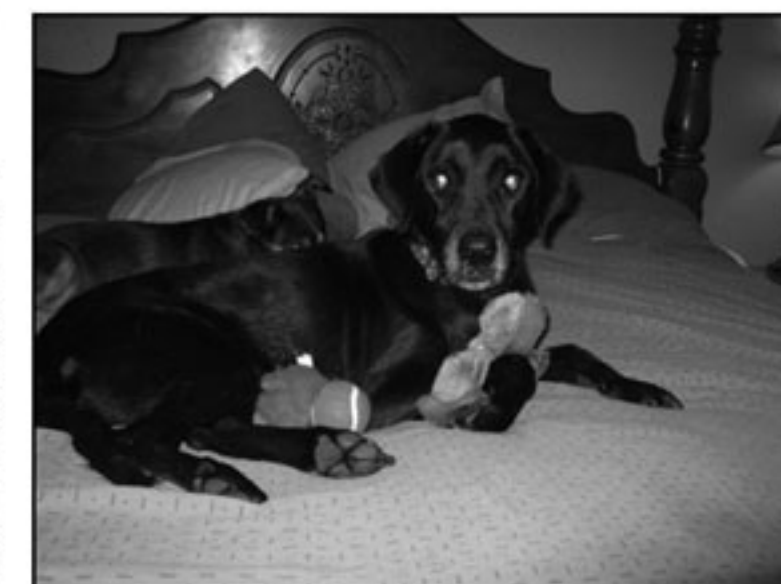
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### LEADING THE PACK...



#### HELLOOOOOO!!! I AM SIMBA THE LAB KING!

No, I am not a lion - I am better! I am a beautiful, healthy, shiny, black Lab with the courage of a lion! No longer a young pup, I lived most of my life alone in a tiny dirt pen in the country. Years of harboring every parasite known to man and a tick disease causing blindness and dry eye left me not only blind, but emaciated, anemic, and mangy. I was slowly slipping into renal failure. In exile, it was hard to tell I was a Lab, much less a KING! Luckily, the angels at the RockySpot Rescue saw the best in me. With their help of good food, medicine, faith, hope and love they transformed me to greatness and back to my rightful place in the world.



#### I am Simba, the Lab King.

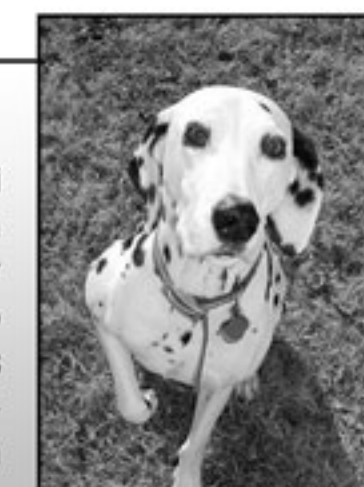
I RULE my kingdom with a fat, soft, velvety, black paw. Doggy doors, furniture and fences are not a challenge for my sight as I govern my dynasty with pride. Even my subordinates, (all the things that move in my kingdom) are learning to MAKE WAY when they see the King coming! Sleeping, running, playing, barking, getting treats and loving (oh and ruling... can't forget ruling) are some of my favorite things. I am a great protector too. Sight is not important when you can hear and smell danger and I warn my kingdom when I do. Do you need your Kingdom protected?

I am Simba, the Lab King!! HEAR ME ROAR... uh... I mean HOWL!!



#### FABULOUS FIFTEEN!!!

Candy Sun up Girl, the mate of Pacifica's Mr Poki Dobbin, turned 15 on February 10, 2009! Although she lost Poki in July of 2007 to lymph node cancer when he was 12, Candy has stayed with us to continue the legacy that she and Poki started. It is because of these two lovely creatures that RockySpot was born. Fifteen is a milestone for a Dalmatian as their life expectancy is 12-14.





### Santa Claus Came to RSR!

All the puppies wish to thank the hard working, dedicated volunteers who worked Santa Pics at Petsmart this year! A total of \$1,891.18 was raised between Santa Pics and the Wish Tree! ARRROOOO WOOF WOOF! (That's WE LOVE YOU in dog words 'cause that is a lot of dog bones!)

- Karen & Terry Garrett • Stephanie Oseland • Jan Butler
- Lisa Brown and daughter • Dee Messer • Diane & Mark Worley
- Nancy & Steven Hasse • Paula Horn



**A special THANK YOU to everyone who has donated IN HONOR and/or IN MEMORY of someone special:**

- Arianne Riebel – In Honor of Linda Riebel
- The Liles Family – In Honor of Oreo
- Anthony Sedillo – In Honor of Rachel
- Rosalind Campbell – In Honor of Sadie
- William & Nancy Cheney – In Honor of Matthew & Jeannette Cheney
- Matthew & Jeannette Cheney – In Honor of William & Nancy Cheney
- Yvonne Lankford – In Honor of Penny
- The Mallette Family – In Honor of Owen
- Fred Newman – In Honor of Nipper
- Danny & Robyn Morgan – In Honor of John & Barbara Smicklas
- The Salisbury Family – In Honor of Dot
- Paul Wooden – In Memory of Caleb Wooden
- Joshua Miller/Karl Schell – In Memory of Deborah Welsh & Dillon
- The Newman Family – In Memory of Freckles and Bacca
- Kristen Bernardy – In Memory of Cinder and Arson Riebel
- Janice Wiese – In Memory of Grant Biehler
- Donley & Carol Dverksen – In Memory of Grant Biehler
- Marilyn Stangl – In Memory of Grant Biehler
- The Bucknell Family – In Memory of Tipper Bucknell
- William & Nancy Cheney – In Memory of Daphne & Malcolm
- William & Nancy Cheney – In Memory of Freya
- Matthew & Jeannette Cheney -- In Memory of Daphne & Malcolm
- Eilene Ribbens Rohde – In Memory of Sadie and Alvin "The Wiz Kids"
- Kim Bartman – In Memory of T'Pau
- Jennifer Moore – In Memory of Chloe "Zoom Zoom"

**SPOTS IN COURT!**

Despite the acceptance of the rest of our wonderful community, the one disgruntled neighbor in our area is determined to shut our doors. He has convinced the City of Newcastle Planning Committee to put RockySpot/ Oklahoma Beagle Rescue on "Use on Review" which basically nullifies the grandfather clause that has allowed us to operate as we have for the past 9 years.

The Planning Committee met on Monday, February 23, 2009 to determine what they would propose to the City Council on RockySpot/OKBR's future. The meeting has been continued to March 30, 2009 at 7 pm in the Newcastle Multi-Purpose Building in Newcastle, OK. Your presence there (along with the many wonderful letters you mailed to them - THANK YOU!) I am sure will help sway their decisions. WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

This is not over!

RockySpot/OKBR currently houses approximately 50 homeless dogs at any given time.

Although we cover the entire state of Oklahoma, we support our community with their animal overpopulation problem by giving priority to the City of Newcastle/  
Tuttle/Blanchard Animal Shelter. We take all Dals, Beagles and Bassets, many mixes of those breeds, some Labs and other adoptable dogs as space permits. Not only would their decision affect shelter dogs across the state, but there would be a significant negative impact on the NewCastle Tri-City area homeless animal situation. Please help us continue to save lives by showing your support to our cause!



**"LEO"**

**"LEO" - Young male, White with Black, Dalmatian/Labrador Retriever**

HI THERE! My name is Leo! I spent some time at Second Chance but it was not a good place for me! They said I was UNADOPTABLE!..... huh??? I am a good boy!!! Honest!!.. check me out! I live here at Rocky\$Pot now and I get along with ALL the dogs (am the most behaved of the kennel crew) and I seem to like all people and even silly cats! I am good with kids and I play ball and know some tricks! I am PERFECT running buddy too! They say I look like Davidson's little brother! Who knows! Maybe I am cause Davidson is a handsome feller! More on me later as I settle in here. Keep posted for more pictures too! Just imagine a younger better looking Davidson.. THAT IS ME! (shhh don't tell him I said better looking.. he is a fine looking dog.. I am just .. hmmm.. better! LOL)



**"STARLITE"**

**"STARLITE" - Adult female, White with Black, Dalmatian, 35 Pounds**

I am tiny and cute and wiggly and full of fun. About 4-5 yrs old they say. I get along with everyone although they all know I am the boss lady. I may be little but I am not going to be run over! I love love love attention and am housebroken and know how to use a doggie door. They say I am a very good little girl \*Grin\* Just a little shining STAR. Come see for yourself...



**"KATIE"**

**"KATIE" - Adult female, White - with Black  
Dalmatian, 58 Pounds**

Now how did I end up back here??? I remember a looong time ago I was in this place, and from what I hear people say my old daddy disappeared and left me and Magic alone (check out her info below). Now I'm back as a senior looking for a new home. Well surely SOMEONE will love me. I'm a very sweet girl who doesn't act her age at all. I'm crate trained (and love to take naps in there on my big pillow), well-behaved, and enjoy chasing my squeaky ball around the house and yard. I'll even play with the other dogs, but I get tired pretty easily. Though I'm mostly deaf I respond to a dog whistle and can hear my squeaky ball. I promise I won't be much trouble.



**"LENNIE"**

"LENNIE" - young male, Tri-color Tan/Brown, Black & White  
Catahoula Leopard Dog/Austrailian Cattle Dog/Blue Heeler

Leeeennnnniiiiieeee here. I am just a little pupper (about a year old) who does not understand the world yet. It is all so NEW!! After a year you would think I'd get it huh? But I have not really been exposed to much so I am just now learning about things. I just LOVE attention and petting and walks... but I am still really scared of new things, but sloooooowly I am getting better. Want to come take me to the park some day? Or home for the night or weekend even? I hear that I NEED that in the worst way.. so lets do it! What say? This weekend around noon? I will be waiting for you!



**"TV"**

"Ty" - Adult male, White with Tan/Yellow/Fawn  
Yellow Lab/White German Shepherd, 40 lbs.

Ty is my name.. loving you is my game (oh and playing ball!) I am good with cats and kids and all dogs. I'm very happy - as you can tell from my blurry tail pictures! Active yet loving and fun I can make your house a home. Just try me! I am around 2 yrs old and about 40lbs of fur and hugs. Come see me!



**"MISS DAISY"**

**"MISS DAISY" - Adult female, Black with White  
Labrador Retriever/Other. 51 lbs.**

OKC SHELTER ABUSE CASE!! Finally free... Hi! My name is Miss Daisy and I was in jail with my buddy Spotty for almost a year! (He has been adopted!) I was soo thin but now I am a good healthy weight and just a tiny sweet well mannered little lover girl. I have been through alot this year so I have to warm up to you. But when I do.. LOOK OUT.. I am a soulmate waiting to happen! And I can give pretty good lovins if I say so myself. I am so happy to be FREE and smell the air and feel the sun on my face again. Whew! That was a long long time in a pen. I am just glad to be alive and healthy again and will do any thing for a home of my own. A GOOD home this time that I can love forever and never ever be a 'cruelty abuse' case again! I am SOOOOO ready for a new home... I have been here waaayyyy too long. Look me in the eyes.. you can't resist they say.. cause I am a SWEET HEART who will love you more than life! Tiny and gentle... Big brown eyes begging for a hug...





**"DAVIDSON" - Adult male, White with Black Dalmation/Labrador Retriever, 58 lbs.**

Hey, Davidson here. I am a male mix. My other namesake Harley found a home so now I am looking too! I just like to have a yard to investigate and a house to come into and be loved. They think I would take very well to agility training because I am so smart and athletic. Shoot I already know how to stop, sit and shake! I LOVE LOVE LOVE toys and playing ball and chasing a Frisbee! They gave me a kiddie pool and boy do I love the water.. maybe my dad was a Lab? I love kids too!! And I do love to play and have fun but still know how to sit quietly and reflect on the day! I am that all around GOOD FAMILY DOG!! I have been told over and over that I will make someone a wonderful pet! So..I got me eye open for that SOMEONE!!



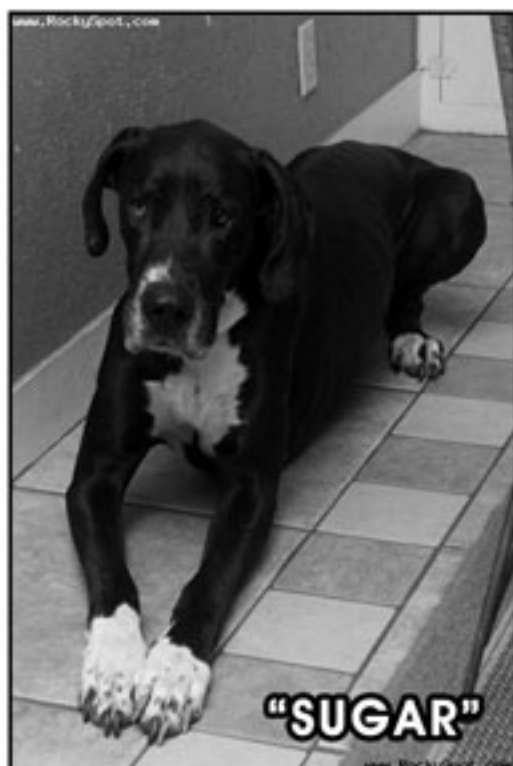
**"OREO"- Young male, White with Black Dalmation/Australian Cattle Dog/Blue Heeler**

I am the pup formally known as Rupert! They call me Oreo now! I had a wonderful home for a few years and they called me OREO! I like that name! They sure loved me alot. Taught me how to be a GOOD dog and a good family member. I was one lucky puppy but also one protective puppy. WAY too protective of my family they say. But you see I LOVED my kids.. alot! AND I did not want ANYONE to hurt them.. so maybe I over did it a bit.. :-(.. I had to come back here and try to find a home with NO kids at all so I don't get so protective again. I thought I was doing a good job!! I did!! I worried about my kids being so "unprotected" and all with out me there but I had a talk with my buddy here Oscar who decided to go live with them and watch over them for me! Whew!! I feel much better about things now! I know Oscar is big and strong and brave and won't let ANYTHING happen to my (our) kids now.



**"SANDUSKY" Young male, White with Tan/Yellow/Fawn Labrador Retriever, 82 lbs.**

Are you looking at me!?!?! YEAH!!! I am one young, happy but BIG pup. About 1.5-2 yrs old and sooooo soft to touch. I just love to play ball.. play in the water.. play in the yard. I just love life. You see I have been on a 4ft chain most of my life and now I can FINALLY run and play and did not know all that I was missing. I am GREAT with kids as I use to have a bunch. I only speak Spanish right now but I am working on learning English. My name was something like Goliath in Spanish but not really so now it is SANDUSKY which I like too! Seems I don't mind all the other dogs here at all (as long as they leave my food alone) and all the humans coming and going are pretty cool too. Guess you could say I am an all around good guy. And handsome to boot. Come take me home with you!



**"ZOE" - Young female, Black with White , 100 Pounds "Mantle" Great Dane**

Can YOU handle 125lbs of pure love and beauty? Sure you can!! I am what they call a Mantle Dane.. that is just my color. I live with alot of Dalmatians and since I am their color they all think I am one of them.. SHHHHH don't blow my cover.

One would think with my size I would not be scared of anything huh?? WRONG!! It is REALLY scary here with all these dogs running around all the time. I need a quiet home that will take me and play ball with me and let me cuddle with them othertimes. I am GREAT in the house.. and/or in a crate.. I don't need one but I do ok in one. I am ok with other dogs too.. but I prefer to be the only dog or at least with dogs my size which for some reason is not so scary! I do tend to get jealous of other dogs getting my attention.. esp females .. that is why I am in rescue.. I could not get along with my female room mate. (It was her fault.. not mine!..lol) AND I sometimes think small tiny dogs are rodents that need to be picked up tossed out if they get to running around me to fast.. so no small dogs please! .. or cats.. just don't like them..what can I say.. NO CATS.. they should go back to Mars or wherever they came from.. (((shudder)))

I have been in a few homes who loved me and they can tell you all about me.. (they had small dogs.. not a good idea)

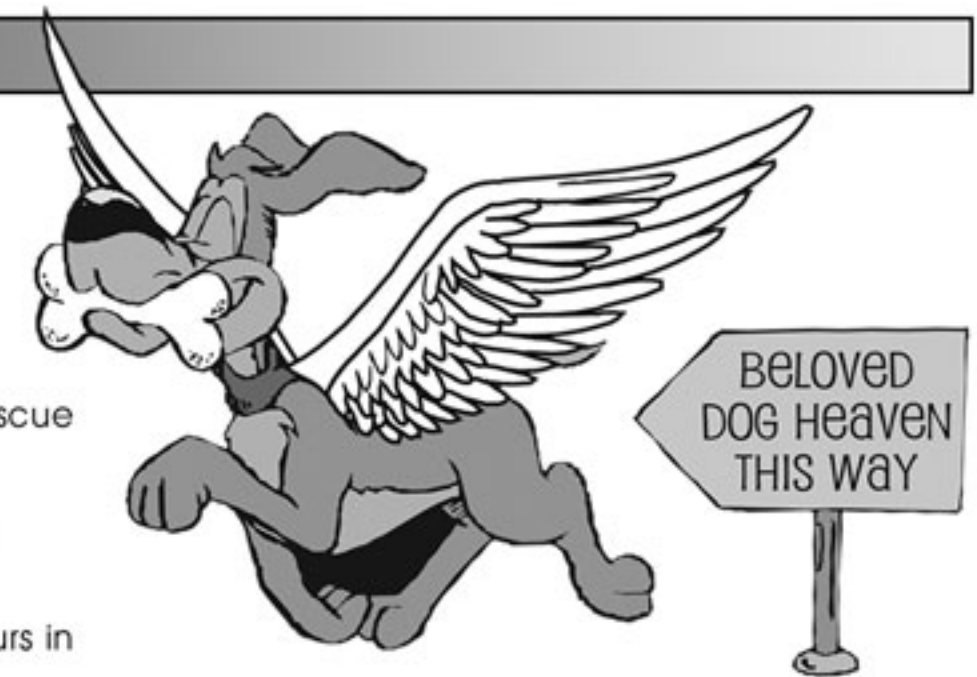


**"SUGAR"**

Chloe, our ZOOM ZOOM!

From the devastation of the May 3, 1999 OKC tornado, a beautiful, middle-aged, one blue and one brown eyed Dalmatian named Chloe emerged. After living in her 'found' home in Edmond for 2 yrs, she was dropped at the Edmond Animal Shelter to be euthanized when her family moved. When RockySpot Rescue took Chloe from death row and into their program she had already cheated death twice. Little did we know she would cheat it many more times. No stronger survivor ever lived.

In 2002, it was discovered that Chloe had nine bone spurs in her back, baffling the vets on how she could even walk



and prompting them to suggest euthanasia. But walk she did, and run and play just as any other lively Dalmatian half her age. However, this discovery combined with her advanced age put her on the "special needs" adoption list, composed of dogs who rarely find new families. Chloe became a fixture at RockySpot, bossing around all new (and old) dogs and making sure everyone knew it was HER home.

Then in March 2005, Chloe had a stroke and was totally paralyzed, deaf and blind. Taken to the vet to be put down, it was instead decided to give this fighter acupuncture and see what would return. Within an hour Chloe sat up and barked at a cat she heard in the lobby (oh cats were the devil to Chloe!). Within 3 months she was walking again but cautiously. This determined, hardheaded, willful little soul had avoided death once again.

As months and age progressed, Chloe finally lost the use of her back legs - but that did not stop her from dragging herself around the yard and house. A wheelchair was donated by a wonderful donor and from that day forward Chloe had a new name - ZOOM ZOOM. Look out when you saw her flying out of the house and literally jumping off the porch in an attempt to get to the fence to chase a passing car. LOOK OUT if she saw a pesky beagle sunning himself in the yard as he definitely needed tire tracks across his belly.

For the next 2 yrs Chloe RULED AGAIN. Then in Oct 2007 Chloe's stomach bloated and twisted. Thirty percent of YOUNG dogs do not survive this very invasive surgery. Euthanasia was once again presented as an option... but not an option for Chloe. She made it perfectly clear she was not going down without a fight. Even as two young healthy dogs in recovery for the very same surgery succumbed and passed to the bridge, Chloe fought on. She would NEVER give up. Never. And you could see the determination in her beautiful face. Again she cheated death.

It was a horrible day in February of 2009 that the decision was made to let our Zoom Zoom go against her wishes. No longer able to use her chair or even have the muscle strength to sit up alone, Chloe just existed to eat, sleep and boss the other dogs. Painful bed sores were developing that could not be stopped. With much sadness we did not allow her to cheat death any longer. No one knew her real age but it was well over the expected life span of a Dalmatian. We always told folks her body was "older than dirt" but her spirit was just a puppy.

That determined Spirit still "Zoom Zooms" around RockySpot and in our hearts today. God Speed Chloe!!! May there be plenty of cars to chase, and sun bathing beagles at the Bridge to boss around!



#### FROM RESCUE TO PRISON...

EXTRA EXTRA Read all about it! Sandy our Lab/Setter mix was sent to PRISON! The PRISON DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING PROGRAM that is! Reports are she is an EXCELLENT behaved dog, very happy and smart and loving. Great in the house, good with kids, cats and other dogs, Sandy is the WHOLE PACKAGE NOW!



## "SPOT ON!" FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

### WE ARE HUNGRY!!!

**DOGS IN CRISIS MODE!** Earlier this year, Science Diet withdrew their dog food sponsorship because adoptive families were not buying enough of their food to make the arrangement profitable for the company. The rescue is now faced with paying retail price to feed the dogs in the program. **THEY ARE HUNGRY! WE NEED DOG FOOD SPONSORS** (or another dog food program)!

If you consider the fact that we have approximately 50 dogs at the rescue facility that require about 2 cups of food a day, and a 40 pound bag of dog food averages 100 cups per bag, we go through a 40 pound bag of food every day. That's a lot of food!

**PLEASE HELP US FEED THESE BABIES!** You can donate money directly to the food drive, or pick up an extra bag of dog food the next time you are getting one for your own dog.

We thank you, and the hungry puppies thank you too! **ARROOOO!! Woof Woof!! Beg Beg!**

In order to keep upsets to the pups' digestive systems to a minimum, ward off allergies and avoid expensive vet visits, we prefer premium brands in either chicken/rice or lamb/rice formulas (NO CORN). Some suggested brands are:

- Purina ProPlan Adult chicken/rice or lamb/rice
- Purina ProPlan Senior chicken/rice or lamb/rice
- Science Diet chicken/rice or lamb/rice
- Iams chicken/rice or lamb/rice
- Diamond Natural Chicken or Lamb and Rice
- PetSmart Authority chicken/rice or lamb/rice



### DIXON'S FRISBEE FREEDOM...

Don't let the spots fool you - Dixon can catch discs with the best of them! Actually, he did just that. On October 11th, Dixon went to Dallas to compete at the Texas State Disc Dog Championships. Although he didn't make it back to the finals in the Amateur class, he had a great time. The fact that he was one of the few dogs that wasn't an Aussie or a Heeler didn't seem to bother him in the least bit. He just wanted to chase that pink Frisbee!

Dixon has also gone to some local disc dog competitions here in Oklahoma City. At his first competition, he took 3rd place with Kris and her friend Mark in the "Couples Division". Everyone at the disc dog competitions now knows Dixon and they will often throw discs for him.

Kris tries really hard, but frankly, she doesn't throw Frisbees well at all! When Dixon pairs up with someone that really knows how to throw, he makes some incredible catches. His drive and determination show the making of a really good disc dog if he could just get a little practice (and someone who could throw)!

The only challenge is that Dixon is getting a little attached to Kris. We think this is actually a great sign because it shows that he will bond very well with a new family – or anyone who throws a disc for him on a regular basis. Kris thinks it's just because she keeps taking him to places where ALL the dogs do nothing but chase Frisbees all day long. Dixon must think it is some kind of disc dog paradise!

Have you been looking for a way to have some fun exercising? Did you know that throwing a Frisbee for 30 minutes can burn more than 100 calories? If you'd like to have some fun, please come down to the rescue and play a little Frisbee with Dixon. He would really appreciate it! (and view his frisbee skills at his bio on our website...)

The Disc Dog competition season is over for now, and as much as we'd love to see him at all the competitions next season – we are hoping it is with his new family instead.



## LUCY ANN – ON THE WINGS OF A DOVE...

So very cold and with such a bad belly ache from hunger I lay huddled on my chain missing my brother Snoopy so bad. One day Snoopy went to sleep and they came and got him. I missed him so much. I waited and waited for him to come back, for anyone to come back. Time passed, more time passed and still no one came.

Then one cold miserable day before the ice storm, a man in a uniform and a gun came and carried me away. The man was nice and gentle and took me to a "rescue" where it felt good and warm and safe. I had hoped Snoopy was there too but I could not find him. I missed him so much.

At the rescue, I have a new soft pink sweater that keeps me almost as warm as Snoopy did! I have never felt as loved as I do here, love sent from folks all around the world. I can feel all their hearts wrapped around me, warm, safe and secure, taking care of me from near and from very far.

But WAIT! LOOK! Snoopy IS here!! He is in the light and he wants me to play! He is very excited to see me! I am just so tired and it feels so good here surrounded by all this love. He tells me that when I walk into the light with him I won't be hurting anymore and I will be young and free and happy again and I won't ever lose the love I have found here. Can that be true? If so I would really be in heaven.

### SNOOPY! WAIT FOR ME! I AM COMING!

*Note: RSR and Lucy would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful support in her rescue and medical treatment. She was made as comfortable as possible for 3 short weeks and showered with unlimited love for that special time. Without you, our little Miss Lucy Ann would never have known the feel of true love.*

Do you want to see our happy new families, all of our dogs ready for adoption, and more? Visit us online at:

[www.RockySpot.org](http://www.RockySpot.org)

Or, if you have a picture you would like to share, email us at: [Dals@RockySpot.org](mailto:Dals@RockySpot.org)

On the wings of a snow-white dove,  
He sends His pure sweet love.  
A sign from above,  
On the wings of a dove.



She came to us  
so frail and weak  
It was a struggle just to eat

The cancer would not let her stay  
Our tiny angel girl has flown away

She was surrounded by love  
Leaving us on the wings of a white dove

Our hearts have been touched  
We all love her so much

Be free sweet beautiful one  
Your work here on earth is done

We will be together again one day  
Across the rainbow bridge,  
where we will play

## RSR DOGS READY FOR ADOPTION...

...See all of our dogs that need a home at [www.RockySpot.org](http://www.RockySpot.org)



**"VIPER"**  
Adult female, White with Black  
Dalmation/Australian Cattle Dog/Blue Heeler

I am new here! I was dumped it seems.. who would dump such a sweet puppy!?!? I lived with a bunch of kids down the street for a bit.. or at least that is where I stayed and they snuck me food. But then one day their dad who had been trying to get me to leave brought me here. I like it here. Not at first as it scared me to death! I like KIDS but adults were mean to me. I soon found out that adults are as cool as kids and I love everyone now!! EVERYONE! I am a cool looking kid they say. Under a year old and already housebroken with a doggie door! I play well with others and am sooo soft they keep telling me. Sooo.. I guess I am looking again for a place to hang out. Could that be YOUR place?