

“WELCOME, New RSR Family Members!” 2nd Quarter, 2009



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

JANUARY:

PJ - The Weigner/Ashlock Family, Dodge City, KS
Brady - The Everhart Family, Aurora, OH

FEBRUARY:

Dixon - The Olmstead Family, Derby, KS
Felix - The Dobbs Family, Edmond, OK

MARCH: Oscar - The Wilson Family, El Reno, OK

Rainbow Bridge:

- Penny - The Titus Family
- Bud - The RSR Family
- Jefe - The Owen Family
- Domino - The RSR Family
- Lilly - The Perkins Family
- Macy - The Vestal Family
- Jazzy - The Vestal Family
- Jenna - The Goffredo Family
- Princess - The Goffredo Family
- Ralindance - The Goffredo Family
- Dolly - The Magnus Family
- Chewy - The Magnus Family
- Keagon - The Waterman Family
- Ando - The RSR Family



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"DEOGEE" - Young male, Brindle with White, Greyhound/Labrador Retriever, 34 lbs.

Hi my name is Deogee!! I like it but it makes folks laugh. I have no clue why! I was picked up going up the interstate onramp with my brother Deefer (again they laugh but I think it suits him!) We were full of worms and ticks and very very hungry and tired. We were just lost young pups with no clue on what to do so we thought hitching a ride somewhere would be the best. SO we hitched a ride from somewhere between here and NC and ended up at RockySpot! The vet says we are VERY WELL behaved babies and very well socialized (well duh! we have been living on our own way too long and met ALOT of people during that time!) We even walk very well on a leash! We learned the doggie door very fast and get along with all the dogs and cats here. Just cuddle bunnys we are waiting to be molded into what you want us to be! Come see us!

ADOPTABLE TOGETHER?

"DEEFER" - Young male, Tan/Yellow/Fawn Greyhound/Labrador Retriever, 34 lbs.

Deefer here! I am Deoge's brother! He is the serious one and I am the fun one! I love love love to play and cuddle and am the happiest boy ever! We were so lucky to hitch a ride from the interstate to this rescue! Deogee says that we should get on the highway to get a ride but I was worried because I see dogs laying on the highway all the time and I did NOT want to do that! So we took the chance and we MADE IT! It is so nice here with so many other dogs to play with.. no more worms or ticks eating on us and lots and lots of food and cool places to lay. Yep we are sure lucky puppies. But now we need a home of our own! We were told we can't stay here forever and as young and cute and well mannered and sweet as we are we should find a home soon.. we are just puppies! Just look in our eyes and come get us! We need you!


"CLOUDY" - Young female, White with Black, Dalmation

I am new... I am young... I smile SOMETIMES but not alot! They say I am deaf! I suppose that makes me very submissive cause they say I am that too! I like kids and cats.. just a happy girl.. I am housebroken and calm but have a wiggle butt that won't be still and I SNORT alot when happy.. snort snort snort hee hee! They say I had babies inside me when they spayed me that they did not know about. They were sad.. but I just gather up all the toys and stuffed animals and cuddle them at night like puppies and all is well. Come see me! I am a great dog! And Beautiful TOO! (I have to be in a home with a hearing dog to be my ears! so if you don't have one we can get you another here!) "Cloudy...because I look a little overcast they say!"


"POPCORN" - Adult female, White with Black Dalmation, 38 lbs.

My puppy and I were owner turned into the shelter today. I am very scared but my little 5 week old baby is more scared. They say I am housebroken, and good with kids and cats. I am very smart and very low maintenance.. they say I am 3 yrs old on my paperwork.. and I am VERY tiny.. about 38 lbs!

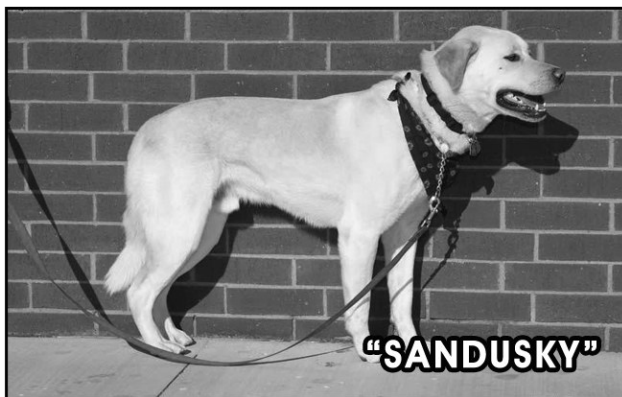
My foster mom just reported that there is NO BETTER DOG IN THE WORLD than me! (unless it is my puppy Cricket that they are keeping and adopting! YIPPIE! Cricket has a home.. now I just need one too! Only one snag.. I am heartworm positive and can't have my treatment till next month. THEN I will for sure need a quiet home to recover in then I will be GOOD AS NEW.. please take me!


"POLLY" - Young female, Brown/Chocolate with White Vizsla/Rhodesian Ridgeback

Hi my name is Polly and I am new here. So far I seem to like just about everybody and everything! I especially like YOU and want to be with you. I can use a doggie door very well and seem to know that I am SUPPOSE to use it when I need to go outside so housebreaking is good! I am shy of new things at first but then I will SMOTHER you with lovins. I love to play and cuddle and play and cuddle.. oh yeah I forgot.. they tell me I am young young young and still act like it alot! LOL.. what can I say? I girl HAS to have fun right?? I am not very big either.. much smaller than all the dals here and just a little bigger than the beagles.. I am JUST RIGHT! Come see me!

Polly (named after Paul Newman because of my beautiful blue eyes!))





"SANDUSKY"

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

Are you looking at me!?!?! YEAH!! I am one young, happy but BIG pup. About 3-4 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. But I am not hyper at all! 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 am the gentle giant here and everyone oohhs and aaahhs when they see me. I have been in a foster home before that says I am the BEST inside dog ever! Guess you could say I am an all around good guy. And handsome to boot. Come take me home with you!



**"DAKOTA"- Adult male, Tan/Yellow/Fawn
Labrador Retriever, 60 lbs.**

5 years old. indoor/outdoor dog, house trained, loves to play ball and chase birds and butterflies. Likes to swim and will cuddle by you if laying on the floor. Lived with a toddler but prefers older kids to play with - brother to Bear- would love to be able to be adopted with him because we play so well together. Dakota has some issues with his hips and will eventually need hip joint surgery. The rescue is willing to pay for this if he finds a home he can recup in after surgery. Most dogs do very well with this surgery and never have issues again. He will just need a few weeks quiet crate time. Please consider helping Dakota get his surgery by

adopting or fostering him through it! He is a sweetie! So here I am looking for another home. NO KIDS (dang it) but that is ok. I love to play ball, and I love the water and I am a GREAT house

dog.. would love to go for runs with any "big" kid out there.. so if you are just a big kid at heart. COME SEE ME! We will be pals!



ADOPTABLE TOGETHER?



"BEAR"- Adult male, Black, Labrador Retriever, 60 lbs.

5 years old. indoor/outdoor dog, house trained, very calm; very athletic-likes to run, swim and chase birds and butterflies. Likes to lay on pillows in bed. Lived with a toddler but prefers older kids to play with - (brother to Dakota, above.) One day Bear was all alone in the big exercise yard totally focused on a big dragonfly that was flying around about 10 feet in the air. He was jumping and standing on his legs, as if he were dancing. This went on for minutes and minutes - just he and the dragonfly having their own private duet - he was so happy and focused and for those few moments I'm sure he was far, far away from the noise and confusion of the kennels and in his own private heaven....truly a joyous moment to witness. Bear is very stressed here at the kennels and won't gain weight. He needs a foster home soon.



"SHAY"

**Young female, Black
Flat-coated Retriever/Other, 35 lbs.**

Hey look at me! I am a petite but furry ball of joy. I am fun fun fun and such a happy girl. I know SIT and how to use a doggy door. Oh, and I like to run and play with the other dogs. Come see me, I LOVE visitors! I was only about 6 mo when I came her in Sept of 07 so I am still a youngster! They think I might be part flat-coat retriever! Or even full .. these are Dalmatian folks you know.. they don't know much about us black hairy dogs but how to LOVE US! And they DO love us! I have been in a foster home (an apt) for months before they had to move. They said I was the calmest most loving gentle yet playful dog ever in the world and they cried when they left.. me too sniff.. COME ADOPT ME or at least FOSTER ME and see for yourself!



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

UPDATE! 04/14/09 - Ty just entered the PRISON DOG TRAINING PROGRAM and will be graduating in 10 weeks. Sandy just finished that program and came back an AWESOME dog... not that they are not already awesome when they go! ;-) Please consider making Ty a member of your family. It is very hard for them to come back from a program where they spend alot of time with someone and then put back into a kennel environment! Let him bless your home! 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 40 lbs of fur and hugs. Come see me!

THIEVES IN THE NIGHT...

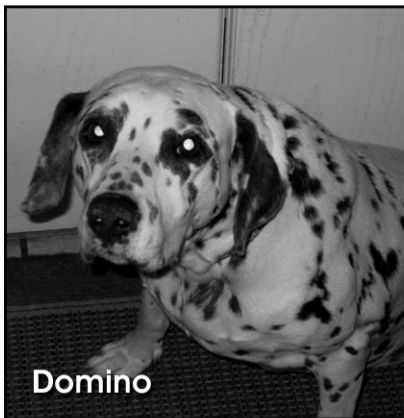
Like thieves in the night, the two very deadly canine diseases Parvovirus and Leptospirosis invaded RSR and claimed the lives of 4 of our most precious residents. Never before in the 10 year history of this rescue has anything so catastrophic and heartbreaking happened.

PARVO: Parvovirus is a virus that attacks the lining of the digestive system and causes dogs/puppies to quit absorbing nutrients or liquids. This is a very serious disease with about a 50/50 chance of survival. Adult dogs are not protected unless they are fully vaccinated every year. Puppies are not fully protected until they have had an initial combination vaccine at six weeks of age, and with boosters given every three weeks until the puppy is about sixteen weeks of age. For more information on the parvovirus go to www.vetinfo.com/dparvo.html

ANDO: One of the five abandoned pointer puppies, Ando was a wonderful, quiet shy little boy who just wanted food, security and to be held and loved with the freedom to play with his siblings. That we gave him, and he was a happy boy the week he was with us before the deadly parvovirus took him away. Despite all efforts Ando left us for bigger arms and more puppies to play with. God Speed Ando... we miss you sweet boy.



Bud



Domino

LEPTO: Leptospirosis is a contagious bacterial disease that may result in chronic liver and kidney disease and fatality in dogs. Although preventive vaccinations against two of the most common Leptospire have nearly eradicated this disease, in recent years new outbreaks have been reported in the population of well vaccinated dogs. Dogs become infected by leptospire when abraded skin comes into contact with the urine of an infected host. For more information on the Lepto bacterial diseases go to this website: www.labbies.com/lepto.htm

BUD: Our sweet 3 legged boy was the first to succumb as his immune system was already lowered due to weakened kidneys. We helped him fight it for as long as we could but finally had to let the disease take him. We were all heartbroken as he was so excited & happy to be well again after winning his kidney battle. He had one happy healthy month before Lepto stole him from us. WE LOVE YOU BUD!

DOMINO: Next Domino our feisty senior wheelchair girl became ill. Very active and happy even when not in her chair, Domino continued to drag herself around chasing her ball. Apparently she came in contact with Bud's infected urine and went into kidney and liver failure. Seeing what this horrible disease did to Bud, we opted to spare her that experience and let her go play ball with Bud

NINA: A very old gal, Nina Bonita came to us as a senior two years ago and ruled the roost here at RSR. Never one to love petting or touching, and

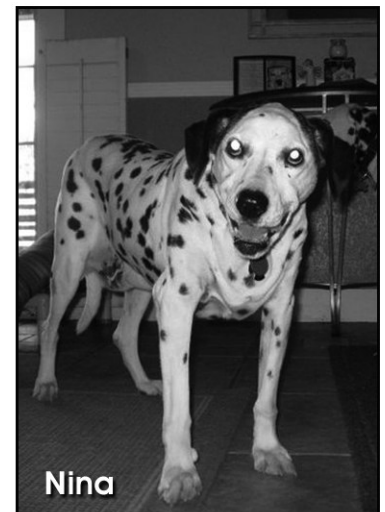
never having been an inside dog, it took a long time for Nina to appreciate the confinement and comfort of being in the house. But over the past year, with her buddy Domino by her side, she adjusted to the house and accepted it gracefully. When we realized we were losing Nina we decided to help her to the bridge where we know Domino was waiting patiently to show her around. We miss you our pretty girl...

God Speed all our sweet spotted souls... may the grass always be green, the sun warm, and the fun endless!

Thank you to everyone who supported us through these very emotional times.



Ando



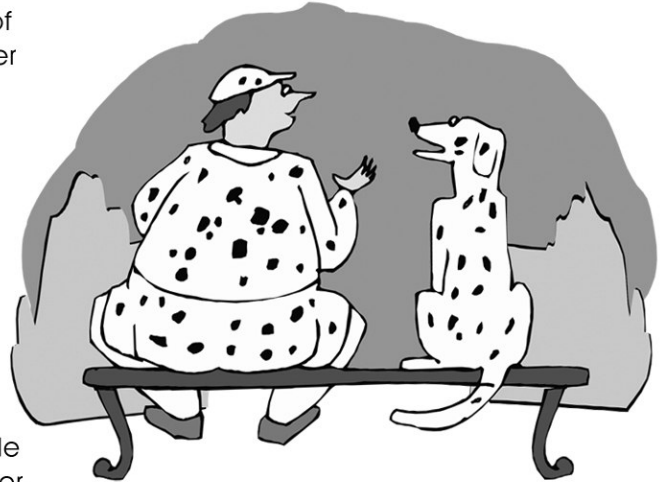
Nina

"SPOT ON!" FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

MAKING THET BEST BETTER!

RockySpot was fortunate enough to be able to attend a series of workshops presented by the ASPCA for rescue and animal shelter personnel. The first two workshops focused on screening dog personalities and evaluating potential homes. This is very valuable in matching a dog with a family that has similar personalities, which will result in fewer dogs being returned for incompatibility and make for happier families and happier dogs. The final workshop was in optimal kennel/dog care - enrichment of the kennel situation.

We want to implement as many of these ideas as possible in order to make kennel life interesting and stimulating for the dogs. Boredom creates depression and bad manners. We want our dogs to become more balanced and content while they are with us as it will make the transition to a new home easier.



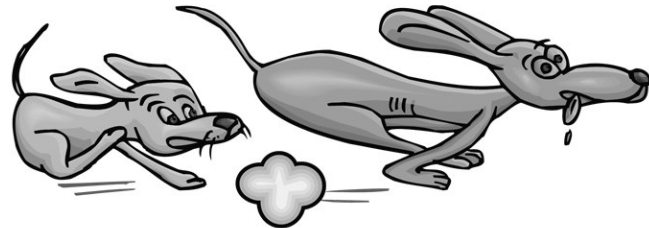
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Definition: "Additions to an animal's environment with which the animal voluntarily interacts and, as a result, experiences improved physical and/or psychological health"

It is important to support dogs in our care with enrichment opportunities. There is a wealth of research supporting the increase in stress when enrichment is not provided to animals. For shelter/rescue animals, behavior such as hyper-arousal, depression and obsessive/compulsive behaviors are common when enrichment is absent. Dogs and puppies may display behaviors that make adoptions more challenging simply because they are not given the opportunity to chew, or may display other similar behaviors. This is especially true for dogs with existing behavior challenges.

General overall enrichment should include:

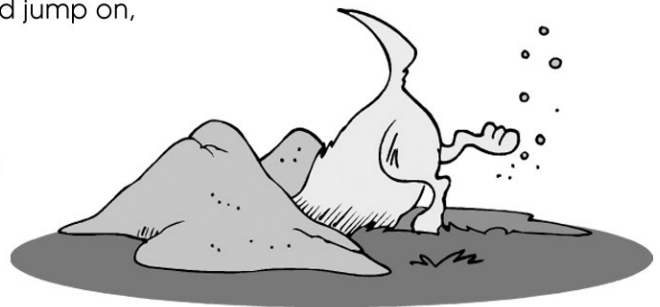
- Daily walks (controlled and monitored)
- Social interaction
- Food games (using toys such as Kong, Tug a Jug, Large Ropes, Boomer Balls, Nylabones, etc)
- Opportunities for sensory stimulation such as sound (classical music) and odor (lavender & spices)
- Tactile (brushes to rub against, large Boomer balls)
- Objects to run/crawl through or jump on in the exercise area
- A digging place



We are currently supplying sensory stimulation with classical and nature music, smells sprayed on their bedding and large brushes to rub against.

We are in need of:

- 1) Volunteers to interact and/or walk the dogs on a regular basis
- 2) Large objects in the play area to run/crawl through and jump on,
- 3) Liquid scents to spray on bedding:
Vanilla – Lavender – Coconut – Almond - Peppermint
- 4) Nature sounds CDs and CD player
- 5) Toys to play with: Kongs - Large rope toys - Tug A Jugs - Boomer Balls - Nylabones
- 6) A digging area built



If you can or know someone who can help, please let us know. The dogs' happiness depends on YOU! Thanks!

A NEW LEASH ON LIFE...

No sooner was Sandy pardoned from the A New Leash on Life's prison dog training program last quarter (where she received TOP DOG honors), she was ADOPTED into a wonderful home in the Dallas area! Sandy, who loves, loves, loves water, even has her own POOL now! She has waited over 2 yrs for this perfect home. A huge thank you to A New Leash on Life for giving Sandy this chance and making it HAPPEN for her!



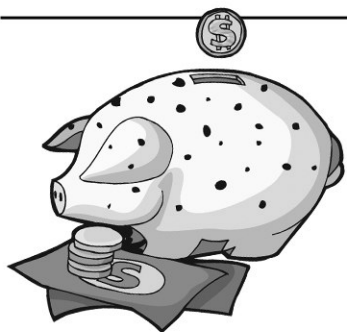
A New Leash On Life is a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable organization that currently provides professional dog training

instruction to inmates at correctional facilities. The inmates are instructed in positive, reinforcement training methods and work with select dogs from local shelters. All the dogs begin with basic manners, various fun tricks and are socialized making them highly desirable as family pets. They are evaluated for natural traits needed for particular jobs and their training is tailored for that job.

Experience shows the training program is not only beneficial for the dogs, but makes a significant difference in the lives of inmates, staff and families. The inmate's increased confidence, empathy and ability to share emotions with the dogs open new ways of thinking and relating to others. Many of the inmates will be eligible for parole and since prison is a regimented environment, this program gives them the opportunity to be responsible for their job, patient, exercise

self-control, keep on schedule and develop and meet short and long-term goals; all behaviors they need to have in place when they return to their families and the community.

Currently Tyler is in the program and will graduate on June 23rd! Reports say he is doing fabulously. Already good with cats and kids, when Tyler gets back he will be MORE than the WHOLE package. He needs a home though as he does not want to come back to the rescue! We need another perfect home for a perfect dog! Visit Tyler online at www.rockspot.com today!



ROCKS OF SUPPORT...

A special THANK YOU to our ROCKS! OUR SOLID ROCKS OF SUPPORT. Those loyal, dependable, and consistent donors who keep this rescue going day in and day out with never ending donations and for those others who are in the wings ready to help in anyway if needed!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROCKSPOT'S FOUNDING LADY! Candy Dandy Girl!

"Where are our spots?"

Dalmatian rescue comes to find itself with a lot of non- Dals. Very often, owners surrender a Dal and a non-Dal - and Rocky Spot Rescue takes them in together. On other occasions, some dogs from abuse cases are rescued, regardless of breed, and we have offered a safe haven for these sweet souls. Unfortunately, at times, it is very difficult for a Dalmatian rescue (such as ourselves!) to find homes for non-Dals or mixed breed dogs, and we really need help spreading the word in finding future families for these dogs that are part of our rescue group.



SPOTS AND ARROOOS IN COURT...

After 10 yrs of operating peacefully within the guidelines given to us by the City of Newcastle who approved and issued a yearly kennel permit, the Newcastle Planning Commission, a body set up by the City Council to research and offer suggestions back to the City Council, met on 5-18-09 and mandated various unrealistic directives to our organizations and gave us 6 months to implement them or be shut down.



Among these include double site proof fencing and planting of bushes around the whole perimeter and triple site proof fencing the dog play areas. Dictating the number of dogs we can have, where they can be housed on the property, times they can be out, times they can be fed, and the times they can be shown all revolving around one grumpy neighbor's barbeque schedule. Due to zoning restrictions, they insisted on taking away our quarantine area, our hospice area and our post-op area leaving us with no alternative to handle incoming or special needs and ill dogs. In their stipulations they made it clear that they could shut us down at anytime they see fit and would review us every 6 months. Ultimately the City Council is the governing body to which we have to abide, not the Planning Commission who went completely outside the authority they have through the ordinances of the City of Newcastle.



As of 6-8-09, the attorneys for RockySpot Rescue and Oklahoma Beagle Rescue have filed a law suit against the City of Newcastle, the City of Newcastle Planning Commission and each individual City of Newcastle Planning Commission member in an effort to come to an amicable solution to the current legal issues. Basically this law suit states that it violates our constitutional rights for the City of Newcastle Planning Commission to put us on 'use on review' after being approved in every aspect to operate as we have by the City of Newcastle for the past 10 years.

Our Attorneys are working diligently with the City of Newcastle to get this matter resolved. Hopefully this can happen soon and we can all move on to doing what we do best! SAVING DOGS!

You can read more by going to our website at: <http://www.rockyspot.com>. Thank you to everyone who is supporting us on this ordeal. Your presence in court will make all the difference! We will keep you posted of the date and time.



THE TROUBLE WITH TRACY...

...is she is into something all the time! Her issues are long and complex because she interferes in just about everything we do. Constantly interrupting to help and always offering to fix things that are broken. She insists on being involved in projects no matter how difficult. An instigator of trouble she is always up at the kennels cleaning and playing in the water and hounds everyone every weekend to come "play" with her. And then to top things off, she hogs the "special" dogs by taking them home with her to foster. Word through the grape vine now has it she is even taking over all the phone calls for OKBR!! Yes, Tracy continues to create a disturbance in our pack and I don't know WHAT we would do without her! The Trouble with Tracy is Terrific! Tracy came to us from Heartland Lab Rescue and now volunteers for all three rescues; Heartland Lab, OK Beagle Rescue and RockySpot!

She is a math teacher at Western Heights High School and lives in Blanchard with her husband, Bob, and his fish, a cat named Angel, 2 ferrets, Annie and Alex, 3 dogs, Ginger, Ricky and Baby Boo Boo and lets not leave out all those "special" dogs she keeps fostering - fence climbing Big Al and broken back legs Muddy Puppy for OKBR, diabetic Romeo and feral Lennie for RSR! Fortunately her long term foster lab was finally adopted because in the summer she has human kids who come and live with her too! Yes the Trouble with Tracy is long and complex and much more than Terrific! Goodness knows what we are going to do with Tracy (do WITHOUT her that is) if she ever leaves!! We love this kind of Trouble!

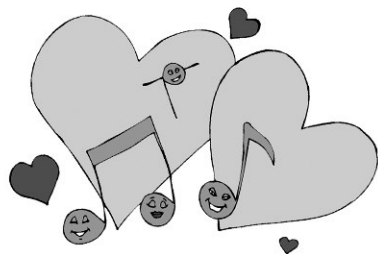


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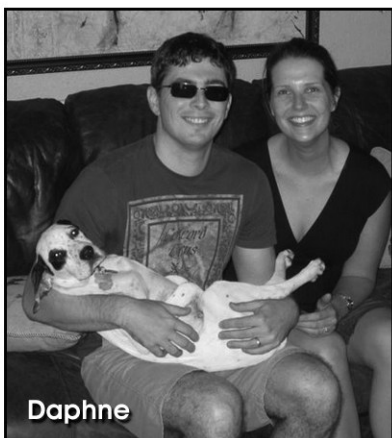
A HERO LIES IN YOU

...And then a hero comes along,
With the strength to carry on,
And you cast your fears aside,
and you know you can survive,
So when you feel like hope is gone,
Look inside you and be strong,
And you'll finally see the truth
that a hero lies in you.

— Mariah Carey



Sylar/Buckley



Daphne

A HERO lies in YOU, each and every one of you. When we thought all hope was gone, you were there and you gave us the strength to carry on. Thank you for being there with physical, emotional and financial support through the long painful ordeal of pulling these poor abandoned pointer puppies away from the deadly parvo virus and also a special thanks to *Pointers from Oz Rescue* in MI for standing beside us and finding them the most AWESOME homes.

CLAIRE: Her new daddy drove all night (10 hrs) from St Louis to get his little girl. She is already pointing on pheasant wings... and we have pictures to prove it! WE KNEW YOU WERE THE SMARTEST CLAIRE!



Ando



Claire

SYLAR: He got to fly in a big plane and now lives with a wonderful family in NY who are calling him Buckley. And he has adorable little girls to spoil him. YOU GO BUCKLEY!

HIRO: This sweet boy still lives here in OKC where his foster mommy fell totally in love with him and could not bear to let him go. He is now called Luke - Lucky Luke we say!

DAPHNE: Her awesome family drove up from Austin, Texas after patiently waiting for Daphne's umbilical hernia to be repaired. She will be an only child and spoiled relentlessly. We sure enjoyed spoiling her during the wait and will miss her like crazy!

ANDO: This little guy will always be with us as he lost his battle to the deadly parvo virus. He watches over the rest of the dogs here from his place on the mantle and will be a constant reminder of the wonderful Heroes in our midst.



Hiro/Luke

Without your support, both emotional and financial, received during this difficult time this would not have been possible.

Thank you.

...A Hero truly lies in you.

