



“ SPOT ON ! ”

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POWDER (IMAGINE, if you will)

IMAGINE, if you will, a tiny white puppy locked alone in a crate, crying and pawing the bars as he watches the other puppies playing joyfully in the sun. He didn't know being deaf meant he was undesirable or unworthy. Born different and misunderstood, just as the title character in the movie *Powder*, he was kept hidden and labeled a freak, an outcast.

IMAGINE, if you will, being ignored for many long months, and finally giving up crying for help, knowing no one is listening. No one notices his pain, his loneliness, or his suffering. His quickly changing body adapts, resigning itself to an immobile life, growing until no longer able to stand or turn around in the crate. The now lanky double-merle puppy lives in pain, yet never complains. As he grows, nature painfully forces hips out of socket to make room for ever growing legs, kneecaps go askew as enlarging feet extend from cramped, twisted legs. The deaf pale white puppy with striking blue eyes and rapidly deforming legs becomes an example of the human capacity for cruelty of those deemed "different."



IMAGINE, if you will, finally bursting from that tiny prison into a world that has shown no mercy. Frightened, unable to hear or walk, this large puppy is tossed out and forgotten, without a backwards glance. But like in the movie, imagine this puppy possessing an amazing power... the power to love, to forgive, to forget, and most importantly an unflinching will to LIVE! Refusing to give up, despite hips out of socket, dislocated kneecaps and painfully twisted hind legs, he forces his malformed body to mobilize, and painfully "walks" to his salvation. His mangled legs led him to a human who did not run in fear or turn her head, but instead saw the great potential and love in his pale blue eyes.

IMAGINE, if you will, Powder, a BEAUTIFUL year old, 125lb Great Dane, deaf but undeterred, desperately needing TWO expensive orthopedic surgeries to put hips back where they belong, to break and untwist two mangled legs and to replace long displaced knee caps.

IMAGINE, if you will, that puppy finally able to live his dream and play in the sun with the others. Imagine still his tortured life of pain and continued suffering, his very dark dismal future if there are no surgeries, if there is no help. *Imagine, if you will...*

Despite his disturbingly odd appearance, it was impossible to ignore Powder's gift for forgiveness, love and determination. Combined with his magnetic personality, this amazing puppy has the potential to change the lives of all those around him in ways one could never imagine.

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POWDER (IMAGINE, if you will), continued

THANK YOU to all of you who helped us help Powder FIGHT for his right to be a normal puppy!! His first leg surgery and recovery time was a HUGE success due to Powder's unwavering determination and strength, and of course wouldn't have been possible without the many monetary donations you gave. A huge part of his speedy recovery was also thanks to a very generous wheelchair donation from Stroker Ace, a Dane from North Carolina. THANKS STROKER!

Now **POWDER JUST NEEDS ONE MORE SURGERY**. He can then begin intense water therapy to regain his range of motion, and eventually enjoy life as a normal puppy. **JUST ONE MORE SURGERY!** Let's not stop now! We're so close to having the funds available to fix Powder's other leg!

'IMAGINE IF YOU WILL, LIFE RESTORATION'

All donations tax deductible

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Firstgiving Fundraising Page

<http://www.firstgiving.com/powder>

RSR DOGGIE SUMMER CAMP – AT YOUR HOUSE!

It is that time of year again when our fearless leaders (Chuck and Theresa) need to take a break from the 40+ dogs, and their full time jobs to get some much needed R&R so they can keep doing what they do best! **Save dogs!**

This year they are looking longingly to the calm, serene mountains of Colorado as a place to reboot during the week of 7/17 - 7/26. And our dogs are looking to go on an adventure of their own - to your house!

In order to make a break possible, dog care must be downsized first - so we are reaching out to our adopted families (and their friends) for assistance by asking those who can to consider fostering a RSR dog for a week so our tireless rescue heroes can go rejuvenate.

If you can consider helping out, RSR will supply all food and meds and bedding/crates... all you supply is the care and love for one week! You can pick up your "camper" any time before 7/16 and return anytime starting 7/27.

So not only will the humans get a vacation... but some of the homeless kennel dogs will too! And YOU will get a week of unconditional love! It is WIN WIN all the way around. Email dals@rockyspot.com or call 405-640-5298 today to reserve YOUR furry camper.



Come see us at **A Dog Walk in the Park** sponsored by **The Bella Foundation** September 25, 2010 from 9am-3pm at Duffner Park in OKC.

A special THANK YOU to Mary Barbieri, Kelly Kitty, and Milo for the very thoughtful donation from the estate of their aunt Irene Barbieri and her first Dal "Freckles"



Rainbow Bridge

Gypsy – The Johnson Family
Faith – The RSR Family
Taz – The Parker Family
Ginger – The Collins Family
Casey – The Connaughton Family
Apollo – The Connaughton Family
Simba – The RSR/Monnard Family
Sierra – The Diehl Family
Peta – The Bryan Family
Mattie – The Maston Family
Mercedes – The Schmidt Family
MayBach – The Schmidt Family
Sam – The Richards Family
Perdi – The Erquhart Family
Willie – The Vestal-Paynich Family
Riley – The Pittman Family
Thelma & Louise – The Stevens Family
Lucky – The Ahmadifar Family
Jake – The Thompson Family



COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

If you are a FEDERAL EMPLOYEE or know someone who is, please have them designate ROCKYSPOT # 76783 as their designated charity of choice in their payroll deductions.

CFC donations are what save lives! We could not do this without the support of our wonderful Federal Employees.

THANK YOU!



TAG TIME!!

Did you know 95% of lost dogs wearing ID Tags are returned to their owners? Did you know 95% of lost dogs NOT wearing ID Tags are NOT returned? TAG YOUR DOG TODAY!

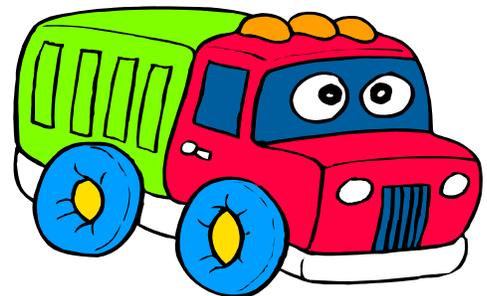
If you have lost your RSR ID Tag that was sent home with your dog, we will send you another! Just let us know ASAP! Now you know WHY it is your RSR contract to always have the RSR tag on!



Transport Coordinators: Angels behind the Wings

For many rescue dogs, a new home would not be possible without the work of many people, especially those dedicated, tireless, determined volunteers that call themselves *transport coordinators*. These are the folks behind the computer, who never see the dogs they're helping, never get to look in their pleading, neglected, helpless eyes, or enjoy happy wagging tails and grinning slobbering faces that all their hard work and sacrifice brings. These are the *Rescue Angels BEHIND the Wings*. Spending all their free time in front of a computer sending out pleas to individuals in the transport's path (such as you!) begging for someone with a desire to help and a dependable vehicle to give just a few hours of time to drive a homeless animal a hundred miles toward their new home. Connecting sometimes a dozen or more strangers together on a weekend run, coordinating drive times, meeting places, overnights and more to get an animal from the shelter or rescue group to a waiting new home, the coordination and record keeping is mindboggling. And yet these unrewarded, unrecognized angels continue every weekend and most nights to give it everything they've got to make sure dozens and dozens of animals are saved from death row and make it to the safety and love of their new home or rescue. *To this we Salute the Rescue Angels BEHIND the Wings!* You are MORE than amazing!

(If you would like to be involved in being a volunteer driver when a transport comes through your area please let us know and we will introduce you to several Transport Angels! You TOO can be a Rescue Angel!)



Having Faith

A little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul.

The shelter workers called her Faith. The old spotted dog was thin and frail, and scheduled to be euthanized one cold October morning in 2009. The workers thought there was no other choice... no one wanted Faith. But the shelter crew didn't know RockySpot Rescue! RockySpot must have needed a little "faith" because Faith found her way onto a transport with a young male Dalmatian named Billy from the same shelter in Texas. We could not leave her behind. Who could let Faith die that day?



Faith quickly settled into the routine at the rescue and found her place in the house. Refusing to eat dog food, she was the object of much jealousy as she got the 'good' food and the 'good' bed every night. Absorbing the love and attention (and food) like a sponge, Faith started to blossom to the delight of everyone around her. We knew we had made a difference when one day her limp little tail finally gave us a wag! Although time with our old girl was short, we were blessed to have shared 6 months of her precious life. God Speed Faith, and thank you for sharing you.

Yes, RockySpot Rescue has had a lot of heaven in our soul this year... and we owe it all to having a little Faith

HOWLS from COURT:

Negotiations have started with the City of Newcastle again to try to come to an agreement about RockySpot's future. The complaining party down the street is determined to shut RSR down and won't give RSR or the City any peace until something has changed. This forced the City to re-evaluate our now 11 yr old "grandfather" clause which in turn has forced RSR to sue the City in order to continue saving lives in our current location (in the middle of rural Newcastle with only ONE complaining neighbor).



As of right now we have installed partial noise blocking fencing, planted various noise blocking trees, offered nightly lockdown and decreased feeding and play time schedules. The City is suggesting reduced numbers and expensive surround fencing and shrub planting. Currently they are insisting on sight blocking fencing blocking the kennels from the road, which we cannot currently afford to do. Stay tuned for a fundraiser if this comes to pass. Thank you for your continued support in this disheartening matter.

WE CAN NOT LET THEM CLOSE US DOWN AND PUT ALL THESE DOGS IN HARMS WAY!

HEARTWORMS – Tis the Season

'Tis the season for mosquitoes, fleas, and ticks. Heartworm disease is the #1 preventable cause of death in dogs. Please be sure your dog is current on their heartworm preventative, which should be given once a month. Even indoor dogs can be bitten by a mosquito and contract heartworm disease. Fleas and Ticks also carry a range of diseases that can seriously affect the health of your pup. Please check with your own veterinarian for recommendations if you find a flea and/or tick problem with your dog. Being proactive with your dog's care and a simple monthly pill can make the difference between life and death.



Give the Gift of FREEDOM!

Out of ideas of what to give a pet owner who has everything? Give a Spay/Neuter Certificate for their pet... **the GIFT OF FREEDOM!**

Freedom from messy heat cycles; **Freedom** from ovarian cancer;

Freedom from mammary tumors, **Freedom** from unexpected litters,

Freedom from pyometra (uterine infection); **Freedom** from marking in the house;

Freedom from testicular cancer; **Freedom** from prostate cancer and enlargement;

Freedom from uncontrolled urges from their pet and

Freedom from constant frustration for both of them

Give the **GIFT OF FREEDOM TODAY!**

Contact your local veterinarian or spay/neuter clinic to purchase a gift certificate!



“AWWWW...” What ADORABLE Christmas Cards!

Doesn't it make you want a couple dozen or more??? Cards, that is! (Course we can hook you up with some puppies too!) Sprinkles and Maxwell put on the “extra cute” so we could get snap pictures to help raise funds to feed all their friends, so don't let them down by not



ordering some!

Maxwell was adopted by the Johnson Family from Norman, Oklahoma and Sprinkles by the Climan Family in Kennesaw, Georgia!

For more information go to: www.rockyspot.com or e-mail dals@rockyspot.com



FOOD CRISIS!

CHOMP CHOMP CRUNCH CRUNCH... ahhhh.. Sweet music to a dog's ears... Whine whine sniff sniff... oh no! Sad music to our ears.

We HATE our dogs to go without! It has been one year since Purina ProPlan donated 15 pallets of dog food. How FAST time flies, and how quickly kibble is consumed! We are once again OUT OF FOOD! The cost of quality dog food has risen, and we have had to refuse to take in more dogs due to food shortages, which can cost lives. We use 20 bags of premium dog food per month (total cost of around \$600-\$700). Using anything but premium causes our vet bills to rise (and gives us sick dogs).

Please consider donating a bag (or \$20, about the cost of a bag) of premium dog food per month to help us keep our dogs fed. (Brands such as Purina ProPlan Chicken (or Lamb) and Rice or Sam's Club Exceed Lamb and Rice. No corn or beef products please, Dalmatians don't do well on them!) Without good food we have some very unhappy (and unhealthy) puppers!

Without YOUR HELP they could starve. Join our 'Sponsor a Dog' program for \$20 a month and help FEED A DOG EVERY MONTH!

Go to <http://www.rockyspot.com> for more info!



Scaredy Cats! Meet DEOGEE & LENNIE

Ok, ok so they are not really cats... But did you know that dogs can be scaredy cats too? If a dog is not socialized with humans in critical bonding time (usually around 8 weeks old), they become big Scaredy Cats! But with time, love and patience they can become



DOGS again (yep real dogs!) and make the BEST pets ever. Come help us make dogs out of scaredy cats! Take one home for the day (or weekend) for some life changing bonding time! Just with a little day of love YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A DOG'S LIFE

Love is Blind

The rescue called him Simba – The Lab King. And that he was! The blind black Lab ruled this rescue, my heart, and my life with fierce loyalty. For ten long years he lived in an outside pen in the country, all alone, but this beautiful boy never gave up, and he finally found his kingdom with me. He knew I was here... and he knew he would find me. My only regret is that I did not find him sooner; he had to come for me! Time with my beautiful Lab King was much too short, yet I would not trade a minute of the 3 years we had together. They say love is not blind... it sees, it just does not mind. But in this heart I know beyond a doubt that Love is indeed Blind.



Lions and Tigers and PUPPIES??? Oh my!

Landing far, far from home in a scary shelter in Texas, one worried Dalmatian mommy dreamed of the safety of home for her and her eleven mixed breed puppies. But no matter how hard she wished, no matter how many times she thought "There's no place like home," she feared that love and security was lost forever. Who would have room for her and ELEVEN puppies? But then she meets 3 wonderful friends, friends with BRAINS, COURAGE and lots of HEART. Working together to get her back home was the Dalmatian Rescue of North Texas, Second Chance Dalmatian Rescue of Ohio, and RockySpot Dalmatian Rescue in Oklahoma! They fought their way down the yellow brick road, and the wicked witch was avoided! Momma dog and all of her puppies are safe now! RSR took in 4 of the homeless babies (Jordan, Gypsy, Rexie and Sophie) and



with a few clicks of the ruby red slippers (sounding much like a computer keyboard), 2 of them have already found their forever home! (Congrats to Dave and Mary in Michigan who now have Rexie/Buddy and Sophie.)

Jordan and Gypsy are still dreaming of home! Come make their dreams come true!



Somewhere over the rainbow, Skies are blue, And the dreams that you dare to dream, Really do come true.

RockySpot Rescue attended the Pro Plan® Rally to Rescue® sponsored Petco National Adoption Event May 22nd and 23rd in Norman OK. Placing several dogs and having a good time to boot, we would like to thank PETCO and Purina Pro Plan® Rally to Rescue® for such a successful adoption event!



Featured dogs Zoe, Miss Daisy, Chiffon, Deborah, Filly, Nadia



My name is Filly and I was found wandering the neighborhood looking for love! I am HW Positive and need a foster home so I can be treated and kept calm in a crate for 3-4 weeks. THEN I will need a home FOREVER! Yeah! No more looking for love for me for I will have FOUND it. I am a very young very happy very bouncy little girl who loves everyone and all dogs and LIFE in

general. Come get me!

Hi I am Nadia! I am your soulmate and you don't even know it yet! I am a great low maintenance LOVEABLE funny playful older gal who will keep you laughing and loving life. Good with kids, cats and other dogs I am the whole shebang! I was found wander the streets with a Lab. He ran off but I, being the smart one of the lot, ran right up to give hugs and kisses to those who found me. No one says they are missing a Lab or a Dal so I guess I need a new home! Come see me.. you will LOVE me.. no doubt. Everyone does! I think my name used to be Purdy cause I use to respond to it.. but to keep confusion down with so many Purdies I am now named after the girl who found me... and it is a pretty name!

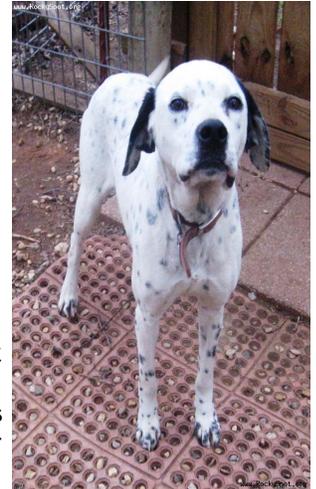


Can YOU handle 125lbs of pure love and beauty? Sure you can!! I am what they call a Mantle Dane.. that is just my color. I live with alot of Dalmatians and since I am their color they all think I am one of them.. SHHHHH don't blow my cover.

Dane lovins
Zoe



I am new and my name is Deb. I am a 4-5 yr old mix dal who is the sweetest thing ever. At least that is what they tell me. I am HW positive and was carrying puppies. This made everyone sad because I could not keep them. It was very dangerous for all of us. But with alot of prayers I was spayed and lived to tell the tale. I will miss those puppies but not if I can find a new home soon! I just want to be loved and to offer the love I was going to give my babies to my new owners. I need a foster home to get well in from the HW's and until I can find that I will still have those nasty creatures all in my heart! Please come get me so I can get rid of them! I am a very good house dog they told me! I promise you will love me... and I will love you.



Hi, my name is Chiffon, but I try very hard to not live up to that soft name! Born around 2002, I am a great dog who cuddles and loves and is soft mouthed when taking treats and cute and playful and just the whole package.. except I DO like to chase and bully other dogs. You see I AM the boss .. or bluff ..whatever... like I would not even KNOW how to fight if they took me seriously! You see I have a slight pinched nerve in my back and I walk really cute (some say funny but I say cute!) Just try to catch me when I don't want to go in my crate.. I can run FAST.. if that is what you call my wobbly (CUTE) gait! I can climb stairs fast.. and play just like all the other dogs.. I just do it cutier with my cute gait! I am a very very pretty regal looking middle aged gal who rules the roost here.. that is until another dog tells me NO then I turn over and show my belly! Hey!! Most girls like to be boss lady right?



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!





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

“Welcome, New RSR Family Members!”

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- JAN** Polly – *The McEwen Family, Medicine Park, OK*
Deogee – *The Cavalier Family, Edmond, OK*
Simba – *The RSR Family, Newcastle, OK*
- FEB** Leo – *The Nix Family, Norman, OK*
Rodney – *The RSR Family, Newcastle, OK*
Deefer – *The Covalleskie Family, Norman, OK*
- MAR** Sandusky -*The Breder Family, Norman, OK*
Emmitt – *The Goldstien Family, Cushing, OK*
Faith – *The RSR Family, Newcastle, OK*
- APR** Tanner – *The Neely Family, Jones, OK*
Mac – *The Guitron Family, Lubbock, TX*
Oreo – *The Costello Family, Enid, OK*
Billy – *The Lasure Family, Amelia, OH*
Roxie – *The Kirchstein Family, TX*
Copper – *The Koch Family, Tuttle, OK*
Corbin – *The Horn Family, OKC, OK*
Morgan – *The Mueller Family, Fairview, OK*