



Be A
Lifesaver:
Foster
Homes
Needed!

WELCOME!

New RSR/OKBR Family Members

January

Heather - The Mascaro Family, Meriden, CT
Trey - The Zorn Family, Ann Arbor, MI
Joy - The Wagner Family, Lawton, OK
Baby - The Hughes Family, Oklahoma City, OK
Diana - The Hickox Family, Oklahoma City, OK
Abigail - The Hickox Family, Oklahoma City, OK
Whitey - The Grote Family, Joplin, MO
Hermione -- The Beavin Family, Edmond, OK
Dewey - The Flood Family Stillwater, OK
Snoopy (assisted) - The Badra Family, Norman, OK
Sally (assisted) - The Burton Family, Stilwell, OK

February

Cocoa - The Sipes Family, Checotah, OK
Lana - The Sipes Family, Checotah, OK
Ken - The Cason Family, Moore, OK
Barbie - The Cason Family, Moore, OK
Snickers (assisted) - The Pringle Family, Moore, OK
Flip - The Sheppard Family, Mustang, OK
Jasmine - The Sheppard Family, Mustang, OK
Powder - The Murray Family, Stillwater, OK
Toby (assisted) - The Scott Family, Oklahoma City, OK

March

Speedy - The Moreland Family, Jefferson City, MO
Heidi - The Moreland Family, Jefferson City, MO
Renee - The Thompson Family, Ft Worth, TX
Daria - The Murphy Family, Oklahoma City, OK
Trooper (assisted) - The Rice Family, Dewey, OK
Lily (Jenny) - The Janssen Family, Edmond, OK
Sweet Pea (Rosemary) - The Janssen Family, Edmond, OK
Red (assisted) - The Sandridge Family, Tulsa, OK

April

Lily - The King Family, Oklahoma City, OK
Astin - The Collar Family, Edmond, OK
Zena - The Collins Family, Oklahoma City, OK
Leaf - The Willis Family, Chickasha, OK
Lennie - The Ward Family, Tulsa, OK
Tucker - The Rathbun Family, Oklahoma City, OK
Olivia - The Gasaway Family, Norman, OK
Elvira (assisted) - The Suda Family, Oklahoma City, OK
Jenny (assisted) - The Swoan Family, Altus, OK



In Angels Hands

Freezing Temperatures • Record Breaking Heat • Deadly Brush Fires • Terrifying Tornadoes!

FIRE!!! FIRE!!! Thick clouds of bellowing smoke rolled over the hills, flames jumped wildly from tree to tree, pushed along at break neck speeds by the strong Oklahoma wind as fire engulfed acres and acres of precious land in just a matter of minutes. Many animals' lives were being lost; many homes were being destroyed as people watched helplessly from a distance. No time to save anything, no time to run far.

Smelling the thick smoke coming over the hill, RockySpot/OKBR dogs knew they were in danger. Time seemed to stand still as desperate dogs were frantically shoved in vans, cars, travel trailers, and strapped on the back of work trucks, by just a handful of volunteers in an attempt to get them to safety FAST. There was no time to call for help. With the rancid smell of smoke in the air and visions of the fire rushing over the trees, the task seemed endless and futile. Lives were surely to be lost. Which ones would you take first and which ones would you miss when time ran out? What horrible decisions for anyone to make. What a dark time for RockySpot and OKBR.

Amazingly enough the last car pulled out of the drive headed for safety just as the flames came to the road that would lead to the kennels. Time had stood still but help had not! Carloads of people appeared from out of the smoke to help before the winds blew the flames on top of us. Miraculously the winds died down, the fire was contained and the kennels were spared.

Thank you is not enough for those who dropped everything and rushed to our aid. Staying with us for hours on end waiting for the all clear, getting the dogs out and calming them down, walking them, watering them, loving them, even taking some home for the evening or weekend. Volunteers from not just OKBR and RSR but from Heartland Lab Rescue and other local rescue groups as well as the Rescue Girls Night Out pack had shown their stuff! THANK YOU GIRLS! Another big thank you to Art and Philip Hasse for coming to the aid with a U-Haul as well! AMAZING! And to the wonderful vets who opened their doors after hours to house the remaining dogs for the evening and to the Conoco in Newcastle for letting us invade their space, without asking first, during this dark hour.

Without each and every one of you this evacuation would have been impossible. You truly saved the day! And what a day it was!

TAKE COVER!!! TAKE COVER!!! GET BELOW GROUND NOW!!! These words were echoing off the walls of the rescue and the last sound heard from the weatherman before the power plunged the rescue and the dogs into total darkness. With no safe place for every dog, they were all hastily locked into their runs, kissed on the nose, told they were loved and given their one "very special yummy treat that is saved for only a "special day" just in case that "special day" would now never come.

With no internal room in the small wood frame house down the hill, the dozen or so senior dogs were all herded into the small, windowed bathroom and cuddled up into loving arms and given all that individual love and attention that each senior always craves and begs for and yet time never allows. As the wind howled and the rain poured and darkness engulfed the world, the sound of a train grew louder and louder in the distance. A quick call from a meteorologist volunteer confirmed the worst, it was inevitable, and there was less than 2 minutes. Told to hang on tight that a "search and recovery" team was on the way we hunkered down holding as many sweet old bodies close to us as we could. Holding hands and covering the seniors and praying as loud as possible for mercy, one wonderful volunteer forsake the safety of her own shelter with her family and chose to not leave us alone whatever the outcome.

Mary, how can we ever thank you? For we know it had to be YOU and your brave act of selfless love and sacrifice that engulfed us and deflected that mean monster just a fraction of a turn at the very last minute. Our hearts go out to the total devastation of the portion of our small community left in the wake of this vicious tornado. Continuing the miracle of saving these dogs lives yet again, we are eternally grateful for our salvation and safety and for Mary's love, devotion and dedication to these poor lost souls.

YOU SAVED OUR LIVES - THANK YOU!

OKBR & RSR Volunteers • Heartland Lab Rescue

Rescue Girls Night Out Group • Art & Philip Hasse

Our Local Vet • Newcastle Conoco

RSR Volunteer - Mary



Rocky Spot Rescue
P.O. Box 98
Newcastle, Oklahoma 73065

We're Nothing Without You!

RockySpot Rescue is an all volunteer, non-profit organization. We depend on direct donations and fundraisers to feed, shelter, receive vet care and medications for the many dogs in our program. We maintain the highest standards in care for our animals, believing that keeping them happy and healthy while with us will in turn result in well adjusted animals for their new adoptive families. All donations are fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

**Got A Minute?
'Cuz we need ya!**



- VOLUNTEERS**
(Weekly Cleaning Help)
- ADOPTION COORDINATOR**
(One Weekend Day a Month!)
- EVENT COORDINATOR**
(Just a Few a Year!)
- NEWSLETTER EDITOR**
(Drafting, Editing, Publishing, etc.)
- COMMUNICATIONS**
(Answer Emails, Phone Calls, etc.)
- FOSTER HOMES**
(Short Term Temporary)
- Wanna Donate Services or Products?**
Check with your CPA, but it might be tax-deductible for your business, plus we'll place your business ad in our next newsletter! Give us a call for details - (405) 699-7358.
- HVAC INSTALLATION**
- CARPENTER**
(Fencing & Cabinet Hanging)
- ELECTRICIAN**
- DRYWALL OR CONCRETE**
(For Bathroom and Safe Room)
- PLUMBER**
- LANDSCAPING GRAVEL**
(For Our Dog Runs)

HOT DOGS! Get Your Hot Dogs!

We have HOT DOGS... very, very HOT dogs that is! The undersized HVAC unit that was gratefully repaired this winter before we had PUPCICLES (THANK YOU LINDA AND DOUG) is working itself literally to death once again trying to keep the pups from suffering too much in this suffocating heat. Having shut down more than once already this quarter, the poor overworked unit will soon stop forever if relief is not obtained soon. Sadly, it's savior, the larger HVAC unit generously donated year before last (THANK YOU ANDY) to subsidize the workload sits silently beside the overworked unit as it spits and sputters and struggles to survive.

A few wonderful donations earlier this year got our HVAC Installation fundraiser off to a GREAT start! However, like the small battling HVAC unit, the struggle for funds has sputtered and died. With these deadly temperature and still \$1,000 away from the installation of the extra unit, we have no option but to beg you to consider opening your cool home temporarily to at least ONE suffering Hot Dog. It would mean the WORLD to that dog not having to suffer more.

We promise we have the BEST Hot Dogs in town!! Just try one!

It's Not Too Early! Holiday Cards Are Here!

LIMIT SUPPLY

Message Inside: Wishing you peace, love and tummy rubs this Holiday Season.

Limited Edition Cards featuring RSR/OKBR'S own adorable rescue pups, Sadie and Maxwell!

These one of a kind, holiday greeting cards were made SPECIFICALLY to benefit the rescue dogs. With those irresistible puppy eyes, a beautiful 5x7 full color glossy finish on the outside, and a cute saying on the inside how can you NOT want them?



Sadie (Sprinkes) adopted by the Climan Family in GA!



Maxwell adopted by the Johnson family in OK!

\$10 for a box of 10!
plus shipping if needed (\$3 first box \$1 each extra)
Mail order to: RSR/OKBR Holiday Cards
PO Box 98
Newcastle, OK 73065
Or online at www.rockyspot.com

100% of the proceeds from the sale of the card will be donated to RockySpot Rescue and Oklahoma Beagle Rescue.

Woof! Woof!



LOUD BOOMING THANK YOU WOOF-WOOFs from the 5 HW positive dogs from last quarter- Speedy, Heidi, Lana, Debra and Tebow! With YOUR help all are now HW negative and with the exception of Tebow, all have found their forever homes. A big (but not so loud) WOOF-WOOFs from all of us humans too, as we can't thank you enough for helping us change their worlds and their fate!!!!

BIG DOE EYE LOOKS from all the homeless dogs here at the rescue who have each asked that we give a special thank you to the very small core group of loving RSR/OKBR volunteers who have had to work double hard lately and given up so much of their own personal lives just to make their lives a little better. Not able to speak themselves, they have asked us to tell you to please take a moment and look into each of their eyes so they can show you themselves how grateful they are!

LOUD CLAPPING and STANDING OVATIONS from all of us to our core donors! As with core volunteers who are here thru thick and thin, we also have "core" donors who are here as well. Without you, all the hard work in the world would not make this mission possible! Dependable and dedicated donors like Carolyn Ralston, Brock McPhearson, Kirsten Newton, the Muellers and the Yorks, to name a few, and to the handful of awesome folks who send in monthly dog sponsorships all help ensure that we succeed in our mission each month. By supporting us in our efforts, you help us all to soar and help them! We could not do without you guys! Thank you.

A HERD OF POUNDING HOOVES to Shelley and Kevin Hogle of Holly, Michigan, who put on a model horse exhibition, gathering all the items to raffle and sell to benefit four animal charities. One of which was RockySpot Rescue, thanks to Michigan RSR volunteers Gina Hyatt and Karen Zorn, for donation of artwork for the event and for all their out of state fundraising efforts, love and concern for these homeless dogs so many states away.

THANK YOU IS NOT ENOUGH to ALL those who made "doggie summer camp" (and the humans much needed vacation from the rescue) a success this year. From those who manned the "fort", to those who made sure everything kept operating smoothly, and to those who opened their homes and hearts and fostered, EVERYONE really pulled together and more dogs than ever (37 that is!) got a much needed break and some well deserved one



on one time. ONLY 6 dogs were left in the kennels but don't worry, we are SURE they loved having the place ALL to themselves as well! We had a BLAST on vacation. The dogs had a BLAST on vacation. We hope you did too! THANK YOU!!

The best part is one foster was adopted by her foster home (yeah Pooka!!) One foster is continuing to foster (you go Topper) and THREE were adopted at the very next adoption! (WHOO HOO, Lacy, Monster and Hans!) ALL LONG TERM OR SPECIAL NEED DOGS who have been here so very long and may never have been adopted otherwise! See what a little love and hands on can do for a homeless dog?

FOSTER HOMES MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD! A big thank you to those who are adopting or continuing to foster for us! YOU are the ones who MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

DOGTOWN! Best Friends of Utah!



Who else takes a much needed vacation to escape the rigorous pressures and stress of rescue work and visits... what else? ANOTHER RESCUE! And not just ANY rescue, but the nation's best known and largest no-kill animal sanctuary in America! Our leaders that's who!

But as they say, there is nothing to put what you do into prospective but to see it done with such success as they have done at the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah otherwise known as DOGTOWN by the National Geographic Channel!

Having over 40 animals to care for pales in comparison to the over 1,700 they have at Best Friends. And to think it all started with a handful of dedicated volunteers such as RSR/OKBR has now.

Go visit Best Friends Animal Society yourself at their website www.bestfriends.org/

1,000 Pounds... One Piece at a Time

FREEKIBBLE.COM

On June 7th the Freekibble.com Kibble Truck arrived in Oklahoma, and delivered over 1,000 lbs of Halo Spot's Stew to the Rocky Spot Rescue and Oklahoma Beagle Rescue.

THANK YOU FREEKIBBLE.COM AND HALO PURELY FOR PETS!



Freekibble.com's primary mission is to provide healthy, nutritious food to the dogs and cats at shelters who are working so hard to see that none of their animals go hungry.

Thanks to everyone for supporting Freekibble by playing the trivia game and understanding that every piece of kibble counts! It is because of YOU, the good people at Halo, Purely for Pets, and Freekibble.com that we are able to feed these wonderful pets such high quality meals, to make them happy and healthy while they wait for their forever homes... they deserve the best!

Read the blog about the Freekibble donation at:

<http://blog.halopets.com/2011/06/14/rockyspot-and-ok-beagle-rescue/>
or just go to Freekibble.com and PLAY PLAY PLAY every DAY DAY DAY!!

IT'S ABOUT LIFE...



...it's about relationships, it's all about the love. And that is what you will find at **CARR PORTRAIT ART**. After having a spectacular photo session with our own personal dogs, **CARR PORTRAIT ART** has offered a wonderful referral program to help all the homeless dogs in our rescue. If you want an amazing experience as well as an amazing photo of your pet(s) or of you and your pet(s), please visit their web site at www.carrportraitart.com or give them a call today at (405)392-3929.

Tell them the Spots and Arroos from RockySpot and OK Beagle Rescue sent you and the dogs will get a percentage to help feed them!



We are saddened by the loss of several of our RSR/OKBR alumni in the last few months.

But we are glad that they each had the chance to know a warm and loving home once again. Our condolences to these families on their loss of their four footed family members.

Haka (Chaka) – The Huss Family
Mack – The Thompson Family
Mingus – The Madonna Family
Dizzy – The Madonna Family
General – The Lezama Family
Pixel – The Wanser Family
Jak – The Watson Family
Jewel – The Childers Family
Lucky – The Wightman Family
Hershey – The Xenos Family
Zeek – The Whiteneck/RSR Family
Remmy – The Sparks Family
Sally – The Webb Family
Daisy & Hank – The McPherson Family
Carly – The Furlong Family
Freckles – The Perkins Family
CoCo – The Fagot Family
Smokey – The Dozier/Washington Family
Dixie Lee – The Neely Family
Chloe Dew - The Rice Family
Dottie – The Herendeen Family
Buddy (Nutter Butter) – The Marlatt Family
Sparkles – The Nelson Family
Cinnamon – The Willis Family
Dot – The Jobe Family
Penny – The Lankford Family
Dot (Diddle Dot) – The Barnhart-Eastman Family
Chester – The Santalla Family
Shadow – The Biggerstaff Family

From Prisoner to RULER The Story of Zeek



April 2, 2005 -- Before the first ray of dawn filtered thru the early morning sky, a long solemn convoy of rented vans and horse trailers filled to the top with as many borrowed crates as possible headed determinedly to the remote northwestern part of Oklahoma to a town called Vici. This caravan of vehicles was driven by dedicated rescue volunteers from all across the state on a mission. That mission was to save as many of the 218 dogs as they possibly could that had been left on 4 ft chains by a hoarder who had walked away and left them to their fate.

This act of compassion, dedication and teamwork that pulled so many rescues together for these abandoned dogs and saved the lives of so many also brought 25 fresh furry faces into our rescue, but most importantly it also brought a little senior beagle mix named Zeek. Severe ear infections, which took a long time to heal, made Zeek a grumpy old man and therefore an adoption risk. But not to despair! Zeek had a home and that home was here with all of us! We were blessed to have this grouchy, sweet old man in our lives for as long as we did and we all will miss him walking the floors and ruling his world for a long, long time to come. Sometimes late at night there is the slightest hint of a jingle, a shuffle and a grump and one would swear Zeek is still patrolling HIS home. God Speed Zeek... we love you old man! Thank you for your service to us!

Urgent



COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN #
76783

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. We could not do this without the support of our wonderful Federal Employees.

THANK YOU!

PEOPLE SAVING PETS

PEOPLE SAVING PETS is an exciting campaign designed to change perceptions about pet homelessness, inspire action and save lives! Empowered by PetSmart Charities® it is a monumental movement with the goal of ending the euthanization of 4 million adoptable pets each year - 11,000 each day - simply because they do not have homes.

We are proud to be chosen by People Saving Pets to receive a \$1,000 grant to help US help the many who reach out to us during this coming year. Already this rescue has helped a dozen people who have found dumped/stray dogs, with fundamental vet care, spay/neuter, and finding homes! Without this grant this would not have been possible.

Thank you to People Saving Pets and Petsmart Charities!



Ever Wonder What It Cost to Rescue One Dog?

Total vet expenses for a healthy dog are \$266 for female and \$246 for a male, including:

• MicroChip	\$25	Additional expenses (Most dogs we take in have some of these added expenses):	• Urine panel	\$20-30
• Rabies	\$10	• Tick treatment	• HW prevent	\$4-6 per month
• DHLPP	\$25	• Wormer		
• Bordetella	\$10	• Antibiotics		
• Fecal	\$18	• HW treatment		
• Testing for Lymes	\$20	• Ear meds	\$15-18	
• Testing for heartworm	\$23	• Food per month	\$15	
• Testing for Ehrlichia	\$20	• Xrays	\$50-75	
• Spay	\$115	• Bloodwork	\$30-60	
• Neuter	\$95			

Without your donations we could not exist. Our adoption fees don't begin to cover our expenses for vetting a dog.

Happy Tails...Finally!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 5 OF RSR/OKBR LONG TIME RESIDENTS who have finally found their forever homes this quarter. It has been a long time coming (for Daria and Lacy this is their second adoption chance) but we never gave up on these wonderful dogs! THANK YOU to the awesome families who saw the light shining in them!



Daria since 2005

Lacy since 2006



Lennie since 2007

Hans since 2008



Jessie since 2009

Visit Our Vets!



Shields Animal Clinic

Dr. Robert B. King
2920 N. Shields Blvd.
Moore, OK 73160
(405) 794-1569

Shields Animal Clinic is conveniently located on Shields Boulevard in Moore, Oklahoma and is open M/T/W/F 8am - 6pm & Thurs. 8am - Noon, and accepts same-day appointments (based on availability).



Neel Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Tina Neel
2700 North MacArthur Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73127
(405) 947-8387 • Open 24 hours

Neel Veterinary Hospital is one of the only animal hospitals in the state that offers the convenience of 24 hour pet care and services with veterinarians on staff all night, 7 days a week, including holidays.

Neel Veterinary Hospital can be found just North of the Northwest 23rd & MacArthur intersection in Oklahoma City. Located less than 3 miles from both I-40 (Exit 144) & I-44 (Exit 122), clients around the metro can quickly reach the hospital.



Griffith Animal Chiropractic

Dr. Kreg Griffith
Norman, OK
(405) 408-2669
GriffithChiropractic@gmail.com
www.griffithanimalchiropractic.com

Griffith Animal Chiropractic will work with your veterinarian to find subluxations by the use of palpation and observing animal movement and gait. Kreg Griffith D.C. will also help to identify lameness and/or imbalances caused by the altered joint movement and provides mobile chiropractic services to Horses, Goats, Cats and Dogs.

HELP ME RHONDA! HELP, HELP ME RHONDA!
HELP ME GET US INTO THEIR HEARTS!

BFFs Looking for Their Forever Home!

HI MY NAME IS DOTTIE! I am smiling at you right now cause want to meet you! I smile ALOT and look very happy alot as my tail wags my whole body! Don't be afraid of my smile! It is a happy one! I am just a tiny little middle aged Dottie girl who would NEVER hurt you.. only love you! I do have a best friend I have NEVER been without but she is not a Dal...She is a sweet quiet easy going little beagle girl named Sophie! We have been together since pups and we lost our home together. I am not sure what I would have done during that horrible time if not for Sophie's love patience and stability. She was my ROCK. I would love to stay with her for life, but I know now that I can live without her and would if I had too. So come see me! I need another home – one I won't loose! AND take a look at my little 'rock' Sophie too. Just in case you are thinking about 2 dogs! We are the BOMB together! And we both like kids and cats! Cool huh?



Snuggle Buddy



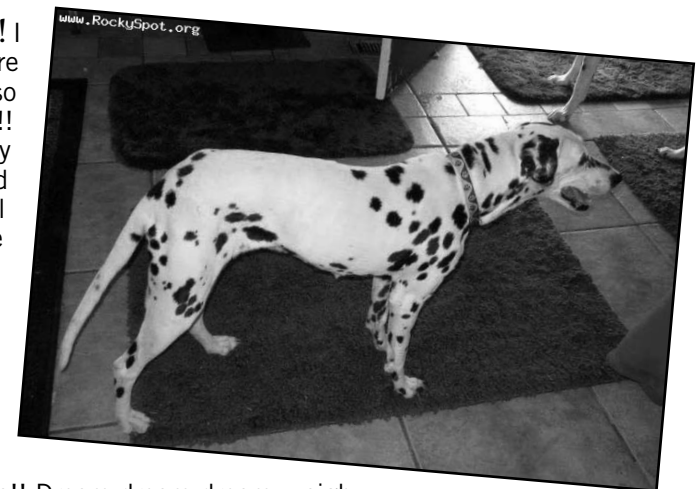
MY NAME'S PINKY. I was found in the middle of the road LOST, but I know a good car door when it opens! And I have never regretted it! I know how to use a doggie door and am very housebroken. I have alot of energy when you want me too (I'm a terrier, ya know!), but basically I am a LAPDOG and want to be touching you all the time. My FAVORITE place in the WHOLE world is under the covers down by your legs keeping you warm all night long. I am just a little girl and I get along with all the dogs here and love love love food (I think I would be fat if they let me! HA) They say I am too smart for my own good and that they can't help but love me...neither could you! Come see me!!!

Retirement Home Needed!

HI I AM AGATHA AND I AM A SUPER SENIOR THEY SAY! I came in to the shelter unsteady on my feet and high stepping everywhere I went (I called it prancing) The shelter thought I had had a seizure so they were going to let me go but RockySpot said NO.. we want her! YAH!! Someone wants me! So off I went to the ER vet and they found out my bloodwork was great but my ears were a MESS.. they flushed them and sent me home with meds and I am almost right as rain! Ok so I do still like to prance some just because I love doing it and I LOVE to run.. I love to be where you are and I run run run very fast to you if I see you in the yard. I eat like a pig now (was very thin when I came in) and have weight back on me. I do sleep alot but they say that is normal but when I am awake I am in CONSTANT motion.. got places to go and things to see!

So.. now is this my last home here at the rescue.. or is there someone ELSE out there who would want me.. dare I dream the impossible dream again? It worked once! So why NOT???

I dream dream dream of a home of my own during my super senior years!! Dream dream dream....sigh....



CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR OTHER FRIENDS NEEDING HOMES – OR FOSTER HOMES!