

So Many Events, So Little Time!

PetSmart Adoptathon
Bella Foundation Dog Walk
in the Park
SNOMNH Wolf to Woof
Display Event
2nd Chances Dog Day
Afternoon
Boxer Rescue's Event:
Dogtoberfest
Weimaraner Rescue's
Event: Ghost Runner
Combined Federal
Contribution (CFC) Event
A-1 Pet Emporium
Meet and Greet

Out & About!



Rocky Spot Rescue
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We Don't Just Save Dogs, We Save Trees Too!

We're changing to an e-Newsletter format to help save trees in "kill mills". We need your email address to make sure you're getting all of the latest and greatest news. Just email dals@rockyspot.org and put "Spot On News Email" in the Subject line.



FALL 2011 Spot On



A Special Announcement

For quite a while now, the "behind the scenes" work of **RockySpot Dalmatian Rescue and Oklahoma Beagle Rescue** has been a combined effort of a great group of volunteers & benefactors.

We've tried to maintain the appearance of two separate rescues, because, well...we thought folks might think Dals and Beagles make a rather "Odd Couple", but we have more in common than you might think.

INTELLIGENT, PLAYFUL & LOYAL + AMIABLE, GENTLE & INTELLIGENT

*Sounds like a good match to us!
And let's face it, it's just better, together!*

SCREEEECH! BAM! BAM!!

OH THE PAIN. The blinding, searing pain!! Must get out of road...can't move...can't stand...oh no, can't walk! Must drag... oh pain, pain, pain... tired, so tired, too hard...must sleep... blessed sleep.

Miraculously, Lemon Drop was discovered alive, no way of knowing how long after the accident, laying all alone in a field, hurting and frightened. Beating all the odds, she had made it off the road. She had made it to safety, and now, if there was mercy, she had made it to relief. Her broken body was taken to the Tulsa Animal Welfare Division where she had to be kept a "legal stray" to allow time for an owner to locate her. Injuries assessed, she was put on as much pain medicine as her little body allowed in order to help her endure her wait. Such a sweet little older beagle girl - surely someone loved her dearly and surely they were anxiously looking for her as she was anxiously looking for them.

She waited and watched. And waited and watched. The vet staff also waited and watched, realizing her pain level could mandate they make the humane decision to waive the legal stray hold and end her suffering sooner. If no one was coming, it was tragic to make her suffer another long day and dark night for nothing. It was a heavy decision, but it looked as if no one was coming. But thankfully someone WAS coming. OK Beagle Rescue was coming. And not a minute too soon!

Once safe with the rescue, x-rays determined our sweet Lemon Drop needed not one, but TWO surgeries. One, to plate a broken pelvis in order to hold her dislocated hip and another to remove the head of the other dislocated hip joint that was crushed during the accident. It was no wonder Lemon Drop could not walk! It was amazing she was able to move to safety at all! Only her strong desire to LIVE had given her the strength to do so even while in what had to be horrendous pain

And live she did! Thanks to so many who helped with her surgery, Lemon Drop, just four weeks post op, is well on her way to recovery! The vet is astounded that she is "walking", even though it's a crazy, hip-swinging walk, for he feared the damage was so severe, she'd never walk again. Only time will tell if she will need more surgery or therapy, but knowing our Lemon Drop, she will continue to take those lemons and give us sweet, sweet Lemonade!



HAPPY TAILS:

Zip A Dee Doo Dah – Zip A Dee Eh! My, on my! What a wonderful day!

ZIPPER

Brought to us on Christmas Eve, 2004, our family fell instantly in love with this beautiful creature and we believe so did he with us. There was some concern expressed because of Zipper's 'wild' puppy reputation. Yes, he had quite a personality, but it was wonderful and he was always PERFECT with us. Super well-behaved from the moment he came to live with us, Zipper was the right amount of fun and the right amount of calm for us. Yes, I said calm. Really, I did.

Zippy LOVED to travel, always remembering his favorite places, loved boat rides (but not swimming), hated horses with a bizarre passion and loved to get the cows all stirred up. The word "Dots" (laser light) would send Zip chasing, pouncing and practically running right up the wall in his quest to catch the 'dot'. Jumping higher than a kangaroo and running faster than kids racing on four-wheelers, Zipper embraced his new life with gusto. He LOVED to "go" and riding the four-wheelers was one of his favorite things. Stalking the rabbit in the backyard was another, but Zipper was always a true gentleman and would let it go on command, then just look at me as if to say, "Woman, why'd you have to spoil all the fun?" Even my ex in-laws hateful little dachshund, a constant irritant to Zipper as she would bite him every chance she had, could not get the best of our Zippy. With true class, Zipper never would bite back, he would, however, steal all her toys and put them on the sofa... just out of her reach. Yes, there was still an ornery streak in this little man and we adored it.



I can't tell you all the wonderful and hysterical things that Zipper did in his lifetime as he brought more laughter and more joy to this household than any pet ever could or ever will again. It was all Zipper: that little guy BELONGED with us. It was the best match of family and pet you could imagine.

Whether he was out living it up with the kids, curled up in front of the fireplace at my feet, hanging out on his rug in the kitchen while I cooked, or in my bed letting me stroke his head while I read a book, Zipper knew when it was time to relax and when it was time to play. In contrast to the original "wild child" concerns, everyone always complimented us on what an awesome dog we had. We loved him so much and he knew it. He had a wonderful happy life with us and he made our lives so much better by just being there.

October 19, 2011, at about 4:00 p.m., on one of the saddest days in history, cancer forced us to let our precious Zipper go to the Rainbow Bridge. He was a-once-in-a-lifetime pet and we miss his companionship more than words can say.

We know Zipper and his dearly loved Granma Bev (my mom), who we also lost to cancer, are watching over us with our Lord until the glorious day we can all be together again. Thank you for bringing this wonderful special creature into our lives.

Wish List!

- Slip Chains (22 in)
- Extra Large & Extra Small Dog Biscuits (Milk Bone etc)
- Soft Dog Treats
- Busy Bones, Chewnolas, Pressed Rawhides
- Postage Stamps
- Gas Cards for Spot Van for Adoptions

DOG MEDS: <http://www.amazon.com>

Fleas & Ticks: Frontline Spray (\$50-\$75 per bottle)

Joints: Cosequin 250 ct (\$50-\$75 per bottle)

Fecal Incontinence: Cholodin 500 ct (\$60-\$75 per bottle)

Cognitive Function: Evsco Select Antioxidant 60 ct (\$25-\$35 per bottle)

Wormers:

Tape Wormer (dog) 5 ct for tape worms (\$15-\$30 per dose)

Panacur Paste (horse) for whip, round, hook worms (\$10-\$15 per tube)

Ivermec (Cattle/Swine) 1% Ivermectin – 50 ml for Heartworms (\$40-\$50 per bottle)

HAPPY TAILS:

Leather and Lace!



Developing spinal problems shortly after being pulled from a Texas kill shelter in 2008, Chiffon, scarred and tough as leather, was no longer a candidate for adoption. Despite her funny and loving personality, strong determination, and will, all of which kept her walking, her tough bossy attitude with other dogs sealed her fate. After 3 long years in rescue and no hope of a home for her, it was evident that she would live and die at the rescue. Placing a senior with walking issues is next to impossible. Especially a witchy one! No one wanted to deal with an OLD, scarred up, tough, bossy dog. Not even for just a few short years.

With a soul as beautiful, but as delicate as lace itself, Gus, had to be

returned to the rescue after ten years in a calm, loving home. Scared and confused in the chaos of the rescue environment, Gus was being emotionally ripped apart. Unfortunately, the chance for adoption at his age was very slim, as very few people want to invest their heart in a love that they could lose so soon. Due to this fact and to Gus's declining delicate emotional state, a hard decision would soon have to be made about Gus's future.

But a tiny, sweet but tough, little Dottie girl named Dottie, had been watching over the rescue from her cloud pillow at the Rainbow Bridge while fretting that her Forever Dad no longer had her to love and care for and no one to love and care for him in return. She decided THIS is what her Forever Dad needed. He needed someone soft and loving and delicate, like him, to love and protect as he did her, but he also needed someone tough and determined to love and protect HIM as well, as she did for him. She realized not one dog could ever fill her paw prints, but TWO COULD! And those two were Chiffon and Gus, Leather and Lace.

Merging Leather and Lace into something beautiful is quite a challenge. But it was a challenge Dottie's Dad, Ron, was determined to take. And take he did! Thank you, Ron, for not giving up and for giving these two doomed rescue dogs a wonderful home in their golden years. Dottie must be very proud of her daddy and is looking down, tail wagging and yipping in happiness. I know we are!

HAPPY TAILS:

Deogee!

After 2 long years our formally-feral dog, Deogee, finally has a home! Thank you to Maggie Cochran for never giving up on him and for working so patiently with him all these years to make him adoptable AND for finding the Keasling's, who understand and love the big guy! Deogee's brother Deefer (now named Cooper) will be sooo proud he finally has a home as well!



Be A Lifesaver: Foster Volunteer Donate!

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)

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)

**If there's a doggy
heaven,
I know that's where
you are—
About a billion
miles away,
Standing on a star.
It's a doggy paradise;
No fences and
no leads.
There won't be any
do's or don'ts.
You can do just as
you please.
There'll be lots of
bones to chew
And lots of holes
to dig.
There'll be lots of
other dogs—
Little ones and big!
You can romp
and play with
new-found friends
Forever, don't you see?
So, why are you
sitting at the gate
Just waiting there
for me?**

Zoa Rockenstein 1975

GOODBYE:

O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo?

Unknowingly, “left behind” when his Dalmatian ‘lady’ was rescued, his severe personality change baffled shelter workers. This formally sweet, mild little boy was labeled unadoptable and put on the dreaded ‘list’. Many miles away another unexplained personality change from the Dalmatian “lady” prompted an investigation: Romeo was reunited with his Juliet within the hour! All was well with the world again.

But all was not well. Happily adopted together, Juliet was ecstatic in her new home and reveled in the love showered upon her. Romeo, however, was miserable. Being a small guy, he wanted (and needed) a lap, a human bed, a sofa – all not allowed in his new home. Once diagnosed with diabetes, his fate was sealed and Romeo was no longer wanted. What to do?? Take Juliet away from her first (and maybe last) true happiness for the sake of poor Romeo who needed her so much?

But Romeo WAS wanted. Taking him in her arms, and more importantly into her lap, her

bed, her sofa, and into her heart, RSR volunteer, Tracy, gave Romeo what he needed (and wanted) most. She became his Juliet and he became her ‘wittle wottweiller’, protecting her endlessly. Romeo was finally complete. But we all know the story of Romeo & Juliet is a tragic love story and this one is no exception.

As fate would have it, within 3 short years the deadly poison cancer, again, took Romeo from his Juliet, but not from her heart where she holds him close till they meet again.



**“Good night, Good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow,
that I shall say good night till it be ‘morrow.”**

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS: Santa PAWS Pics

RockySpot Rescue will be teaming up again this year with Oklahoma Beagle Rescue and PetSmart to offer digital photos of your pet with Santa from 11 am to 4 pm on the following dates and locations in the metro Oklahoma City area.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS -- ESPECIALLY MEN TO BE SANTAS!

Call 699-7358 or email santa@rockyspot.com to help!

ROCKYSPOT RESCUE, INC

YUKON PETSMART (Garth Brooks Blvd)
Saturday 12/3 & Sunday 12/4
OKC PETSMART (Penn & Memorial)
Sunday 12/18

OK BEAGLE RESCUE

NORMAN PETSMART (Ed Noble Pkwy)
Saturday 12/3 & Sunday 12/4
Saturday 12/17



GOODBYE:

TINY DANCER

**Hold me closer tiny dancer
Count the headlights on the highway
Lay me down in sheets of linen
you had a busy day today**
Elton John

She came, dancing and prancing into our lives, this tiny, sweet Dalmatian senior. Why she pranced and danced with every step remains a mystery. Maybe it was to put smiles on everyone's face and a warm feeling in their soul. You could not help but feel happy when around Agatha even as you know you should be sad for whatever medical condition left this sweet tiny Dalmatian so severely handicapped. With her age and condition, we never expected to have her long, but for six beautiful and busy months, Agatha pranced and danced around our lives and into our hearts.

If you would push back the happiness she exuded, you would see a glimpse of the very difficult struggle she had to endure just to function and yet she never complained. She HAD to be a happy dog with as much happiness as she spread in her wake. Compelled to help improve this angel's quality of life we looked desperately for any medical reason, for brain or spinal lesions or ANYTHING that would explain her abnormality and yet there was nothing conclusive. Maybe she was put here just to lift our tired and bruised spirits so we could continue our emotionally draining mission of rescuing lost souls. Just watching her struggle happily on was in inspiration to us all. Our lives are changed forever and she will dance for eternity in our hearts.

**To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven...
A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn.**

And a time to DANCE!
Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1 and 4

She gave us our time to laugh and then our time to cry and now it is time to mourn. Yet, as we say goodbye to Agatha, we take comfort in knowing that it is now truly... her time to DANCE!! Dance, our prancing Angel! DANCE!



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.

**Jazzy – The Vestel Family
Zipper – The Baggs Family
Shorty Smalls – The Horn Family
Bonnie – The Hurley Family
George – The Vestal-Paynich Family
Runt – The Alworth Family
Red – The Dulina Family
Wycliff – The Stewart Family
Winston – The Bowman Family
PJ – The Schlag Family
Agatha – The RSR/OKBR Family
Romeo – The Roche/RSR/OKBR Family
ThelmaLou – The Bullard Family
Libby – The Wanser Family
Sprite – The Murray Family
Holly – The Goldstein Family**

WELCOME! New RSR/OKBR Family Members

May

Tucker – The Patton Family
Peris – The LeBlanc Family
Monty – The Logston Family
Hershey – The Belcher Family
Emily & Zena – The Ohl Family
Berta – The Hathaway Family
Harry – The Hargrove Family
Diesel & Turbo – The Trent Family
Zeek – The RSR/Whiteneck Family

June

Greta (assisted) – The Cortner Family
Malcolm – The Wise/Thexton Family
Darla – The Hyatt Family
Mollie Grace (assisted) –
The Jones-Moody Family
Jesse – The Thomas Family
Bobby (assisted) – The Queen Family
Spencer – The McPherson Family
Ozzie – The Henderson Family
Diesel – The Crowley Family

July

Monster McGuire – The Prather Family
Pooka – The Sarsycki Family
Lacy – The Muratet Family
Hans – The Patton Family
Ollie (assisted) – The Tatum Family
Bailey (assisted) – The Tucker Family

August

Bones – The Bedard Family
Snoopy – The Diaczyk Family
Maggie (assisted) – The Mauldin Family
Lily – The Cianfrone Family
Percy – The Wright Family

Thank You's & Arooos!!!

Imagine If Photography, imagineifphoto.com, and **A1 Pet Emporium,** A1petemporium.com, for recognizing that better photos save shelter dogs' lives and donating their services and location to help the OKC rescue community by offering free professional photos of dogs needing homes.

Purina Pro Plan® Rally to Rescue®, for their **Purina Pets for People™** family of animal welfare support programs, specifically the **FortiFlora Good Move Program**, fortiflora.com, designed to help ensure successful transitions for rescue pets into their new forever homes by supplying their probiotic nutritional supplement.

The Rescue BankSM Pet Food Distribution Program, rescuebank.org, for supporting the pet rescue community with a nationwide network of regional affiliates of pet food distribution centers. These centers receive truckload donations, scheduled by **Rescue BankSM**, and distribute pallet quantities to qualified local rescue groups.

Pleasant Pooch Dog Boarding, Day Care and Training, pleasantpooch.com: Our eternal debt to Kristin Deason, owner of Pleasant Pooch, for putting RockySpot's Dalmatian, Shooter, into her behavior modification program in an effort to offer him a better quality of life and a higher chance at adoption. You are a life saver Kristin!

Alex Yaffe and Drew & Carol Houghton: For their brilliant legal minds and much needed legal advice and services in our times of need. You guys are doG sent!



Our Fabulous Foster Homes!

WE HAVE FOSTER HOMES! For the first time EVER! Thank you to EACH and EVERY ONE of you! You are making ALL the difference in the world to these unwanted thrown away babies!

Our **TEMPORARY FOSTER** homes give the dogs a break from the harshness of the kennels and reduce stress levels and bad kennel-learned behavior. A little time in a home environment makes a previously unadoptable dog **ADOPTABLE!**

Our **FOREVER FOSTER** homes are even **MORE** important. These are the ones who open their homes and their hearts to foster a Senior or Special needs dog to keep them from living the remainder of their lives in a rescue environment. They give them **LOVE** and **SECURITY** and a place to **BELONG** the short time they have left with us!

Our **FOSTER TO ADOPT** homes are those who plan on adopting their fosters as soon as they can! Sometimes there are "failed fosters" and sometimes they are "planned." But they are equally important to these dogs!

You are all angels in their eyes (and in ours)! Thank you!

TEMPORARY FOSTERS

Tebow – Keller & Sandra S.

Chex – Bernadette W.

Dakota & Bear – Joe D.

Pinky – Cris C.

Lemon – Diane A.

Topper – Megan & Joe

Doug – Phyllis L.

Luna & Steph – Bob & Tracy R.

Gretchen – Bobby & Marie M.

Dottie & Sophie – Gordon & Robin J.

Daisy – Robin W. & Ivan P.

FOREVER FOSTERS

Zoe – Cheryl & David M.

Buffy – Bobby & Marie M.

Nadia – Charlie & Mary B.

Elizabeth – Chad & Hillary B.

Gandalf – Gary & Chanelle W.

Sasha – Paula H.

FOSTER TO ADOPT

Charlie – Jason H.

Sadie & Oscar – Carol & Phillip Y.

Muffin – Robert & Elizabeth C.

Wally – Carol F. & Tim T.

Deborah – Anna M.

Jordan – Marion S.

Bring A Little Love Into Your Life - Adopt!

HI MY NAME IS HAYLEE! My name was Ramona but they decided since my old life was not so good that I needed a new start so now my name is HAYLEE! I just have to concentrate really hard to remember to come when they say Haylee! LOL

I was kept outside and had a horrible mite called DEMODEX. It took the hair off my body and made me itch like crazy! And the more I itched the more it got infected! So I was 'infected' and my face and feet and body were all swollen! BUT I had tons of meds I took and you can't hardly tell I was 'infected' at all! I look GREAT!! (I told them they need new pics of my new beautiful coat!) I never felt bad and am still a happy happy waggy waggy girl like I have always been. Some say I am young 2ish because of my personality but then some say I am 4ish.. so who knows??? Definitely not me as I never even knew I had Birthdays in my old life so I did not keep up! They say I will ALWAYS have a birthday from now so! I am so excited! I can't wait! (do you know what a birthday is??)

I am spayed and ready for my new home! COME GET ME!!



HEEEELLLOOOO!! I AM FERNANDO. They say I am a big pretty middle aged boy who came in here looking rough.. they thought I would be mean I looked so rough! I think I had them all worried! HA!! All I needed was good food and some TLC (I have not had alot) and now they say I am a strikingly beautiful boy! And surprise to them all! I am beautiful INSIDE as well as OUT! I may look all tough cause I am a big boy but I am just a teddy bear inside! I LOVE LIFE! I love playing, I love going places, I love toys, I love to make you laugh and I love to be your buddy! I am the one they take to Birthday Party's that request a Dalmatian cause I LOVE KIDS TOO! I am the perfect Dalmatian they keep saying! (I just smile cause I KNOW I am!)

But I do have one slight very slight flaw.. They say I have to take medicine twice a day because I am lightly positive for heartworm. (did I tell you about my former really rough life?) I don't feel like I have heartworm! I wonder where I am keeping them as

they are I would run em off! (or play with them.. whichever! LOL)

Everyone knows I am easy going and sweet cause I totally ignore those (think they are so tough) male dogs here who dance around me with their hair all up trying to look mean. silly boys. I can tell them LOTS about how cool a dude I am but I think I will let them figure it out themselves.. much more fun that way and I get to spend more time with them! (evil plan) .. AND I am being HOUSEBROKEN.. I really would prefer NOT to have to break a house but if that is what they want... I am here to please! ..so more on me later!

HI THERE! I'M TUCKER! I am the sweetest darn thing they say! I so affectionate and only wants to be in your lap or with YOU... hey that is the best place to be - right? I'm very housebroken with a doggie door (have to work with me if you don't have one though, as I am embarrassed to let you know I need out!) Yes I am a beagle and I have a beagle nose but NOTHING is more important than YOU. Those other beagles can run around sniffing things and getting excited but the only time I am excited is when YOU come home to me!!

Come see me.. I miss having a YOU in my life very, very badly.



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