

SPOTS & AROOS



Fall/Winter
2013



When I was a boy . . . around 7 years old, my mom wanted me

to have my own dog to raise alongside my sister's golden retriever. I don't remember much from this time, but I do remember being taken to pounds and shelters to find a dog for me. Then somehow we ended up at a Dalmatian rescue center with dozens and dozens (if not more) Dalmatians. However, there were two mutts there that stuck out amongst all those spots. The mutts were boy and girl, and they looked similar in markings but had very different fur lengths and personalities. The male was incredibly excitable and extroverted while the female shied away from me. What won me over was the fact the male leapt on me when I sat down and couldn't stop licking me. He seemed so happy to have a visitor around. His name was Mitchell, which I thought was sort of a silly dog name, but I was too young to think to change it. Next thing I knew, he was in my mom's car and we were driving home. We were given a green collar and leash and a blanket that kept the dog calm

... A BOY'S DOG

Once we got home, however; the dog was completely different. He was scared and backed himself into a corner. We got close to taking him back over those next few days. Eventually he warmed up to me, and I realized I couldn't pet him on certain spots. If my hand touched his leg, lower back, or belly, he would growl and cower from me. I also thought it was strange that every time my dad came home, Mitchell would flee and hide from him. Later I learned that Mitchell had been very abused by a mother and father, but their son loved him, so in turn, Mitchell liked to be around boys but hated adults, especially men (explaining his fascination with my 7 year old self.) Over time, he grew to love all of my family, including my dad.

Now, 13 or so years later, Mitchell is still a very happy and healthy dog. Age hasn't seemed to catch up with him yet. He has always been fairly sharp and learned any trick I've tried to teach him within a few hours. He learned to not bark at the door and got excited rather than scared when company came over. Signs of his abuse still linger on with him - for example, I still can't brush him. While not painful, the sensation terrifies him too much to sit still and not yelp. The whole thing is a sad reminder of where he came from.

When I was younger, I used to fear the day he would pass on, because for many years he was my best friend. I no longer dread that day. I know my family and I gave him a wonderful life which is in stark contrast to the one he knew as a pup. Mitchell is spoiled and well taken care of. Later in his life we rescued a stray puppy that he became very good friends with. He even made friends with another stray cat I brought home a few years ago. So now our house is the home of three formerly stray animals that we saved from lives of abuse, starvation, and traffic.

Raising a rescued animal has been a very rewarding experience. I encourage everyone to find their own Mitchell (though pick a better name) and see how happy you can make that animal, because you'll be surprised how happy they make you, too.



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. They are what keep the roof over all the dogs' heads! Literally! Without the wonderful donations from our Federal

Employees, our doors would close and so very many dogs' lives would be lost. **THANK YOU for supporting us!**

SUMMER CAMP 2013... MAGICAL!!



Sam



Comet



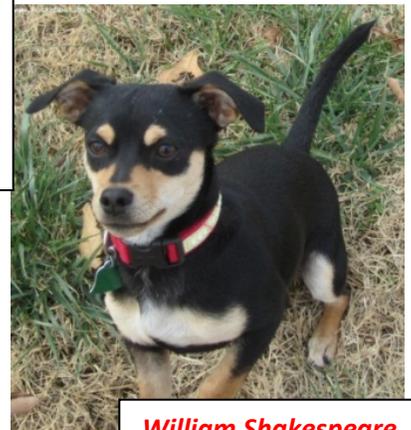
Buddy



Carl the Cowdog



Paisley



**William Shakespeare
"Willie"**

What becomes of dozens of little selfless acts of kindness dancing and filling the air? What do they produce when they bind together as one?

MAGIC!!!
MAGIC in the most wonderful way!

Because of YOUR generous foster commitment during Summer Camp 2013, all the dogs in the RSR/OKBR kennels, whether they attended Summer Camp or now, were blessed with the most amazing magic ever! Previously overlooked foster dogs were chosen for extended foster time and many of the forgotten ones' magically found their forever homes

But the most magical of all was watching the love and confidence radiate off of those returning, as it spread through the kennels like lightening! The magic was so powerful that even those dogs left behind during Summer Camp were affected. Amazingly half of them suddenly found forever homes or extended foster homes away from the kennels!

Because of your one tiny kind gesture of love, so many hopeless lives were forever changed.



GQ (Breckles)



Odie (Shiloh)



J-Jay (Ziggy)

Without YOU, there would have been no MAGIC, without you; there would have been no hope. Thank you for the magic of LOVE during Summer Camp 2013!

Congrats to all these MAGICAL ADOPTIONS



SURPRISE!! It's ME! Poppy!

My daddy said you were wondering about me so I thought I would drop you a line and tell you about my life so far. For starters, I just celebrated my 14th birthday in April. I'm pretty much blind from the cataracts and I don't hear so well but that's just part of getting old. I have a tough time walking anywhere because, if you remember, I lost some toes in that coyote trap all those years back and after favoring that foot all of my life it has left me with hip problems. I still wake up every day smiling, I go up to daddy and get my 5 minutes of head scratching, then I head outside to protect my back yard. (Don't tell daddy but I've been known to let the squirrels into the back yard, guess I've mellowed with age)

I still live in the same house you dropped me off at all those years ago. It was quite an adjustment. My daddy is a man and I didn't trust men on account of my past before RSR took me in. It took me



about 6 months to warm up to him but now I trust both men and women (just don't let anybody pay too much attention to me). A couple years after I came here my parents adopted a Weimaraner named Gracie after my daddy found her abandoned in the park with a broken hip. I don't know how much you know about Weims but they are every bit as energetic as Dals and she seemed to get in a lot of trouble. It suited me just fine because I could kind of fall into the background and come out when I felt I needed attention. Gracie now is my best companion as it has given me someone to grow old with (Gracie is about 11)

A few years back, Mommy Vivian moved out to go make a life for herself. It was for the best as both Daddy and Mommy Viv seem happy (Yes I still get to see Mommy Viv from time to time). I now have Mommy Amanda in my life and she brought with her 2 Chihuahuas (Harley & Daisy) Now I am told that Chihuahuas are actually dogs like me and Gracie but they remind me of some of the critters that I used to chase in my back yard. It's all good though; we have formed a big family and are really happy. (I just sometimes have to remind everyone that I am the queen and that I was here first!)

Daddy has told me about the rainbow bridge and I know I will have to cross it sooner than later. I love the life that you set me up with. Even though my daily life can be a struggle (I rarely hide under the bed anymore because it is so difficult to get in and out and it takes me a minute to get down the stairs to the back yard) I keep smiling, enjoying every day I get to spend with my family.

Thank you for the gift of a true "forever" home.

Love Always, Poppy



*******URGENT URGENT******* **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Life is FULL of changes. New or increased job responsibilities, new babies or changing family obligations, moving and relocations, age or health concerns, these issues take a toll on us all but are literally KILLING RSR/OKBR's wonderful volunteer base and we now find with... almost no one to help care for the homeless dogs in our care, answer emails or phone calls, work adoptions or even to process applications so they can all find new homes.

Without dedicated, dependable volunteers, none of this is possible. Without physical help, the rescues may have to close their doors soon. If this happens all due to lack of basic HELP, everyone loses... and we let them all down, those in our care now and those in shelters who their only hope is us.

Please consider making RSR/OKBR dogs a priority in your life.

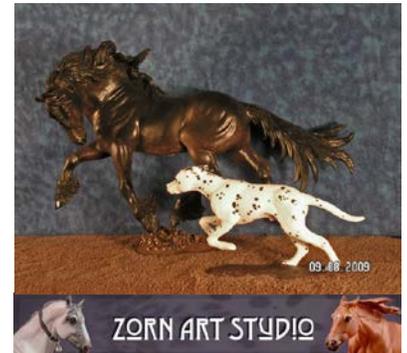
Please help support them with your love and time.



Plastic Ponies on Parade 2013!

THANK YOU Shelley and Kevin Hogle for once again choosing RockySpot as one of the four very grateful nonprofits to share the proceeds from the Plastic Ponies on Parade 2013 Show in Michigan!

And a big thank you hug as well to Gina Hyatt and Karen Zorn of Zorn Art Studio in MI, and dedicated RSR adopted family members and supporters, for making this possible by believing in and supporting our efforts! Check out the fabulous model horse work at Zorn Art Studios www.zornartstudio.com!



For more information about the Plastic Ponies on Parade model horse show check out their web site at www.plasticponies.webs.com.

For more information on model horse collecting and showing check out [Breyer Model Horses](#) and [North American Model Horse Show Assoc.](#)



IT IS TIME!

BEST SOFTEST SWEETEST DOGS EVER!

Just the right age to be perfect in every way! Not too old and not too young! Low maintenance and easygoing, loving and gentle companions these two ladies would make one home the happiest ever! But sadly they are always overlooked. Waiting in rescue well



over a year it's their Time. Time to break out and enjoy what life has to offer. Time to show some lucky family how wonderful they are.

TIME TO LIVE! IT IS TIME!

WELCOME! New RSR/OKBR Adopted Families!

JANUARY

Sasha – The Horn Family, Yukon, OK
 Crash – The Berry Family, Lewisville, TX
 Bea – The Johnson Family, Edmond, OK
 Lenny & McBride – The Ballweg Family, Choctaw, OK
 Jack – The Madison Family, Goldsby, OK

FEBRUARY

Bigby - The Costa-Reeves Family, Norman, OK
 Remington – The Moore-Reddington Family, OKC, OK
 Revlon – The York Family, Newcastle, OK
 Craig – The Swaim Family, Dallas, TX
 Tyson & Molly – The Stephens Family, San Marcos, TX

MARCH

Cody – The Heath Family, Edmond, OK
 Giselle – The Peters Family, Freehold, NJ
 Miss Daisy – The Concannon Family, Moore, OK
 Biff – The Washington Family, Edmond, OK

APRIL

Astro – The Anderson-Bolender Family, OKC, OK
 Boomer – The Attenberger Family, Frisco, TX
 Sally – The Arndt Family, Mansfield, TX

MAY

Dave – The Perkins Family, OKC, OK
 Flip – The Pilat Family, Wichita, KS
 London Max- The Prothro Family, Edmond, OK



Bruiser He was so much more than a pet to our family. When I saw the posting on your website of Bruiser needing a foster home years ago, his story touched my heart and I wanted so much to help him. I had a deep hole in my heart at that time and Bruiser more than filled it, he made my heart overflow. Over the years, he brought so much joy and love into our home. He had a huge personality for such a tiny dog. I have so many stories to tell and more than a thousand pictures showing his bright eyes and happy tail. He was my baby before we had our kids and when we brought our first born son home, he sat by him and often slept next to him.

As our son grew, Bruiser's affection and devotion grew. Bruiser was the sweetest, most gentle creature. He was patient and kind, even when our toddler tugged at his ears or pulled at his tail. They were buddies, as was he and Queenie were too. My whole family loved Bruiser and any friend that came into our home fell in love with that little beagle.

Words cannot express how deeply sadden we are about losing our precious boy. We were with him the whole time and I know he knew we were there as I cuddled his face and kissed him goodnight. We cannot thank you enough for allowing us to have these precious years with our sweet Bruiser. Although he was small, he was mighty! He will forever be loved and missed. ~Leah & Marshall M



THE BEAUTIFUL RAINBOW BRIDGE

Our furry friends below wait at The Bridge. The sun is warm and they are content knowing that we remember, and that someday, we will come.

Lucy Parkman

Jinx Crawford-Monnard

Lilly Crawford-Monnard

Echo Kaledo-Marlatt

Kia Sisovsky

Miracle Gracie Crider

Bruiser MacHugh

Shadow Smith

Tommy DeGeere

Buddy King

Heidi Miller

Kari Cappony

Toby Maston

Lucy Cochrane

Dottie Miner

Millie Hasse

JUST A BLINK...

It was just a blink, just a slight turn of our head, just a brief glance away... and then they were gone.

RockySpot and OK Beagle Rescue had to say goodbye to two very special members of our family recently. Our beautiful very special 'orange dog', **Jinx**, who never knew she was a cat (and we never told her either), and our special girl, sweet, **sweet Lilly Beagle** who

tried so hard to stay with us and who we tried so hard to keep with us.

Both left us quickly and without warning. We had just turned our head, just glanced away.

We just blinked.

We were blessed to have had them in our lives for the time they gave us. We will miss them till the end of our days, forever wishing we had been there to say goodbye when they had to leave. But we know in our hearts that someday, someday in the future, some glorious day, we will just turn our head, and blink, and there they will be, with us all together again.

It will be just a blink...

...until then our sweet loves... until then.





WHERE ARE THEY NOW!

DUKE: Hello, we have wanted to send you an update and love getting your newsletters. Duke has been a joy and wonderful addition to our home. He is getting a little slower, grayer and doesn't hear too well. We think it could be selective hearing. He does still chase after rabbits once in a while and is very jealous of us when we hug each other and not him. Duke has seen many feline family come and go, he would at first chase after them but now has been seen snuggling up with them I think he is getting a little soft in his senior years. We love Duke and couldn't imagine what our life would be like without him. He still does his high five trick and although we don't use his crate anymore he goes in for his own quiet time. We were blessed with a son who is now 6 and they are like best buddies. Take care and keep up your great work there. ~Kevin & Vicki L.

LENNIE: (and Lucy and Babe too!) Lucy and I spend a lot of time outside trying to catch the pesky squirrels. When Babe comes out we all chase each other around the yard. Lucy runs and dives into the dog house and watches. She then speeds out and there we go—all around the yard. I have been here three years and things are coming along fine. Ms. B is really nice; she tolerates us in the bed although Big Babe usually gets down after a while and everything is fine. More room for me! Life is good. Don't give up on us dogs that are a little different. We come around slowly but surely. Love Lennie

SHAY: Shay is doing great and we love her dearly! She has filled out a bit, but who doesn't with time! Her lower canine tooth got broken off playing with "cousin" dogs so we had that removed. Now her tongue hangs out that side of her mouth a little too easily! Sometimes she comes across as a little too aggressive when she sees other dogs, but it's just because she wants to go play. I recently taught her to hop on her back legs for a little treat. She still loves to chase the tennis ball and bring it back for more and more and more throws. If we are outside and she gets too hot she will stop to rest and cool off, but she has so much energy!! ~Karen M

COPPER: We love Copper and he is doing great! As you can see from the picture below he loves bones! He also loves to play in the water in a small kiddie pool we got for him. He loves to play fetch. In fact we still have the ball you sent home with us. He also absolutely loves to go on walks. Since we adopted him, we have also been given another dog for Copper to play with. They get along great, but Copper is still boss. Thank you so much for inquiring about him. We absolutely love our Copper! ~Christina K



KONA: All the boy's with shared Birthday cake. This is now Daisy's food of choice :) HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kona (3) and Jack (2) ~ Petra K



SIMONE: Simone is doing very well. We have recently moved to a 38 acre property that is at the base of the mountain here in Grand Junction Colorado. Simone loves it here and is like a new dog! She is a beloved addition to our family and is a great walking partner, but not much of a running partner. ~ April



GRETCHEN: Hi! We received the newsletter in the mail today asking that we email to let you know how Gretchen is doing. She is absolutely wonderful and is, of course, the most important member of our family! I've attached a few pictures. Thank you for all that you do! ~ Elizabeth W. & family

T-BONE: Well we moved to a new house at the end of July and Teebs has made himself at home. Ha ha! He loves this leopard throw. It's his new best friend. ~ Meg E.



HAPPY TAILS!

Where are they now?... cont.

OWEN: Just got your newsletter and wanted to let you know that Owen is just fine. We did lose our house, and have relocated to Norman. I took the kids and both dogs to my parents because they have a shelter. I think he still loves his life. His hips are starting to bother him a bit, but it doesn't slow him down. Thanks for asking, he's the best dog. ~ *Chandra M*

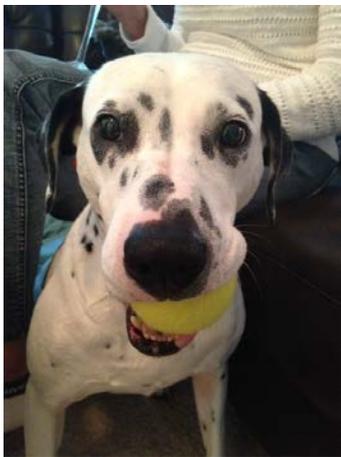


Thanks for asking, he's the best dog. ~ *Chandra M*

VICTORIA: Buddies! Star Beagle and Victoria Mears. Missing Cissy but we're a force! Hope all is well. ~ *Suzanne M*



BUDDY: Buddy and I are doing great! He is a wonderful boy, well-mannered and just so easy to have around. He slept all the way home, we stopped at the rest stop for a quick break, loaded up again and back to sleep he went. A big day for him. He has settled in really well, has marked his territory in many, many places in the yard, but not in the house! His former owner must have been heartbroken to let him go, he will have a home here for the rest of his/my life. ~ *Sharon L*



MOLLY: We adopted Molly from you 3 years ago. I recently got your newsletter and was happy you asked me to email you about Molly! She is doing great and has fit in with our family just great, she absolutely loves her tennis balls and plays ball every night! She has taken over our bed and has recently decided our daughter Brynn's bed is another good spot to rest! We adore her! We did find out she has a heart murmur and takes heart medicine but is doing just great! I will forward some more pics! ~ *Pam T.*

WEMBLEY & DELILAH: The kids are doing well. Getting older. I think they must be 9 and 10. We live with another dog, Max, a male Blue Heeler (my boyfriend's dog). So Wembley and Max are trying to figure out who is in charge. Delilah knows it's her. :) I'll send some pics soon. Hope you guys are well. Glad you survived those nasty tornadoes!! Holy cow!! ~ *Lisa R*

PAISLEY: Paisley is doing great. She has actually lost a little weight from chasing Charlie around the house and backyard. We love her to death. She is a good dog! I think she's finally adjusted to her new home! ~ *Bert & Timi W*

RAISELE: We just moved recently. Raisele is great! The move was a bit of an adjustment, but she's doing fine! Rubeus is also great, and Eriana loves her dogs as much as ever. ~ *Tara D*

OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS!



FEATURED DOGS



JD. Best dog in the world! Middle-aged and low maintenance you can't get better than me! NO FAULTS, love everything! Esp. playing in the water!

MOLLY Young and fun! Love kids, but older only and no cats! Full of energy and love! Great obedient, loving dog!



MAY Young and ready for a home. Loves everything but cats! Climbs short fences but only to get to YOU! Great dog who will love you forever!

DEP ANDY Low maintenance, housebroken, crate trained, dog door trained, knows some basic commands, and gets along with everything! Kids and cats too! A soul-mate dog!



DASHER Dog door trained, young, shy & timid. Needs a home to trust and love. Low maintenance and just beautiful

PRANCER Sweet, gentle young girl whose trust you must earn! Very shy and timid but very loving with the right home! Dog door trained.



FANCY Sweet, loving, young, housebroken, dog door trained, but shy of new things. Needs a quiet stable family to love her! Very fun!

RICK Housebroken, young and calm! What a guy! Been thru a lot but still sweet and good. Great with everything! Loves to hang with you!



DOG HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Keeping you and your pet
safe this Halloween!



Keeping It Fun & Safe

Halloween is a great time year for pets and people. The candy, the costumes, the parties and the happy children. It is a fun tradition, but it is important to remember a few Halloween safety tips to keep your pets happy, healthy and stress-free. These tidbits of advice can ensure that you (and your dog) have a fun (and safe) Halloween.



Avoid Sweets

While you and I may enjoy the occasional candy bar, chocolate in all forms can be deadly for dogs and cats. Tin foil and cellophane wrappers are also dangerous if ingested. If you suspect your pet has ingested a potentially dangerous substance, please call your veterinarian or the

ASPCA Animal Poison Control

(888) 426-4435



Problem Plants

Pumpkins, hay and cornstalks make great decorations at this time of year but can produce gastrointestinal upset or even intestinal blockage if ingested by pets. Additionally, be sure to keep Halloween decorations safely out of reach, especially jack-o'-lanterns lighted by candles or electrical cords.



Costume Safety

While its great fun to dress up for Halloween, be sure your dog or cat is comfortable being in costume. Many pets love the extra attention, but for some it can cause undue stress. Halloween dog costumes should not limit your pet's ability to see, hear, breathe or move about freely. Avoid costumes with small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces and monitor your pet at all times when he or she is in costume.

Doorbell Blues

Even the most social pets can become stressed out by a sudden influx of trick-or-treaters or party goers. Know your dog or cat's limitations and provide a safe, quiet space for them to retreat if you plan on entertaining trick-or-treaters or party guests.

ID Check

Take care that your pets don't try to make a break for the door while you're greeting trick-or-treaters. If that should happen proper identification can help ensure your dog or cat is quickly returned home. Make sure your dog is always wearing a snug fitting Dog Collar (preferably reflective) with up to date Dog I.D. Tags.

With a little bit of planning, preparation, and caution, you and your pet can have a fun and safe

Halloween



ADOPTION OUTREACH



12 pm – 4 pm

I-40 & Garth Brooks Blvd

Yukon, OK

<http://stores.petsmart.com/Store/Details/1930>

SUNDAY October 13, 2013

SUNDAY November 10, 2013

4th Annual
Ghost Runners
5K Dog Run!



12 pm – 4 pm

Lake Hefner's Stars & Stripes Park

OKC, OK

<http://www.ghostrunners5k.com/rescues.php>

SUNDAY October 27, 2013



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