



SPOTS & AROOS

FALL / WINTER

2015

Rockspot Rescue
Beagles and Dalmatians



UPDATES

Court Case!

WE HAVE A NEW ATTORNEY! Thank you to ALL who contacted us with ideas, support and names of attorneys who may have been able to help! It makes us so happy you care so much for us! THANK YOU! We feel LOVED!

Since we are now under new negotiations with the City, the court date was postponed until after the first of the year. New ideas and suggestions have been addressed and discussed which includes possible looking into new zoning options not available before. We will keep you posted on our progress and needs as they happen! THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDYING SUPPORT WITH THIS CENTURY LONG ISSUE! Hopefully it will soon be a thing of the past.

AUDIT! AUDIT! AUDIT!

Who doesn't love a good audit, right?? FUN FUN!!!



Apparently, the merger of OK Beagle Rescue with RockySpot Rescue was a concern somewhere and triggered the State of Oklahoma Attorney General Office to request a full audit of all of our records during the three years since the merger and we can't BEGIN to tell you how much fun we had! Being so low on volunteers, we have been way behind on proper filing but thanks to OCD issues, we had EVERYTHING we needed AND MORE... Pulling it all together was a challenging, engaging, and fulfilling—if exhausting—experience which now proudly has us more organized than we ever thought possible! AND we all just love our new shade of grey in our hair! Much cheaper than putting in unnatural highlights don't you think! J

A big THANK YOU to our amazing accountant Stephanie, for her immaculate and detailed records of all our donations and expenses. For once combined with all our receipts and documentation paperwork, we were able to connect all the dots and draw a big beautiful picture for the State! What a wonderful experience to have it all together and we are so proud of it we are posting photos of our work! THANK YOU TO ALL who had to pull our weight with the rescue the weeks we were buried in paperwork and files! Thanks to YOU, none of the dogs suffered due to our absence! You all ROCK!



WISH LIST

We have added items to our [Amazon wish list](#). The things we need **most** are:



- 12- 20" collars
- All size Milk Bones
- Flea & tick preventative (Frontline, PetArmor, etc.)
- TapeWormer
- Fish oil (600+ EPA)
- Pill Pockets
- EPA certified Cleaning products (Bleach, Pinesol, etc.)
- Laundry soap



Think of us as college students and send us a care package, Aroooo!

Holiday Cards Are Here!



Sadie (Sprinkles) adopted by the Climan family in GA



Maxwell, adopted by the Johnson family in OK

Inside of card reads: "Wishing you peace, love and tummy rubs this Holiday Season."

It's never too early to be thinking about your holiday cards! We are offering a Limited Edition, one of a kind, holiday greeting card to benefit the rescue. These cards have a beautiful 5x7 full color glossy finish on the outside with a cute saying on the inside.

Available for only \$10 for a box of 10! (plus shipping if needed—\$3 first box, \$1 each extra)

RSR Holiday Cards

Order NOW!

PO Box 98

Or online at <http://www.rockyspot.com>

Newcastle, OK 73065

100% of the proceeds from the sale of the card will be donated to RockySpot Rescue

DONATIONS!

We need holiday donations and year round volunteers more than ever this year.

Every year we realize it gets harder and harder to give, but please know it also is getting harder and harder for us to stay open too!

Your donations go to the care of the animals. We provide spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchips, veterinary care and love for our animals until we find them a forever home. We often rescue animals needing special medical attention for injuries and/or illnesses. We are the last chance for these animals to have a happy and healthy life. But we can't do it alone, we need your support! It costs us \$2500—\$2800 a month to house, feed and vet the dogs in our care. Please consider a donation to help us continue to help the homeless animals in need.

Donation Choices Available:

- You may choose to make a One-Time or Monthly Recurring Donation;
- You may dedicate your gift: 'In honor of' or 'In memory of';
- You may designate your donation to one of our specific programs or funds.
- You may choose to make your gift anonymously.
- Corporate &/or Matching Gifting is available – If your company has a matching gifts program, you may be able to increase the value of your donation.

All Donations are tax deductible. We are a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. EIN: 73-1591308



Office Filing
 Kennel Cleaners
 Dog Walkers, Brushers, Ball Throwers, etc.
 Temporary Fosters, weekends, etc.
 Weekday Lunchtime Kennel help
 Adoption Event Coordinator and Workers
*******Social Media Volunteers!!!*******

SUMMER CAMPER THANK YOU!



MAJOR Appreciation goes out to all the folks who stepped up and took a Summer Camper into their homes for a couple weeks to lighten the load on the caretakers and allow us to get some much needed time off. Without all of you, we would all just fizzle and burn out! YOU ALL ROCK!

The Holiday Season is a time to give thanks. RockySpot would like to thank all of our loyal supporters, volunteers, adopters, and donors for continuing to support our efforts. We love you all and wish you the happiest of holidays. Thank you:

Jan, John & Cory for dependable weekend kennel cleaning, application processing, email correspondence and home visits.

Hillary for 3 times a week kennel feeding, application processing, home visits, vet and dog food runs, email correspondence.

Sue, our secretary, for email and mail correspondence and keeping us all in line.

Nancy, Stephen, Ron, Elaine, Brittany, and **Mary** for our adoption outreach assistance when possible.

Ashley for keeping our Facebook page compliant.

Stephanie for keeping our books and taxes compliant.

Natasha for doing the newsletter.

Our Supporters... You are the reason we all can continue to help these animals in need.

THANK YOU!

Thanks for the beautiful thoughts. I'll hold Otis in my heart from now on. And I'm sure you hear this a lot, but I don't think you can be told enough how grateful so many of us dog-lovers are for what you do every day in saving and finding good homes for all the unfortunates that fall through the cracks. I know it's an uphill struggle, what with so many people being the way they are. So thank you!

Scott

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.

Bart Monnard	Chloe Ralston	Norman Ware	Bentley Crawford-Monnard
Wally Rinehart	Earl McKenzie	Chelsea Bartman	LuckySpot Sears
Mya Maston	Rommel Moates	Aramis Willis	Spanky Folsom
Lady Herendeen	Otis Hurst	Tiny Peters	Topper McLaughlin-Gendre
Duke Latocki	Baybee Walker		

"Just because they die, she said, does not mean they go away." – Brian Andreas

RAINBOW STORIES

Lady

Sorrows of Tomorrow

Having fostered and adopted several senior Dals, each one has held a special place in my heart and each one has been unique in both personality and backgrounds. But there was something very unique and special about Lady. Having a tough

life, being confiscated for deplorable living conditions, being put in a kill shelter, and a rescue, I got the call and fostered her a little over a year ago and immediately she stole my heart, our home, and instantly became a member of the family. She was one whose only purpose in life was to be loved and give all the love she could, and that she did. During our short time together, she never once caused an issue, she was always right there when we came in to meet us, she was friendly to everyone she met both family and strangers.



When her health took a serious turn, fearing the worst case, we rushed her to the emergency vet. As they were prepping her for surgery, I curled up with her in the floor and comforted her nose to nose, just like we did every evening and morning, but now I wonder if it was me comforting her or vice versa. As they wheeled her into surgery...my mind started spinning and somehow we connected and her life started filling my mind, hoarder houses, the fear in a kill shelter, life at the rescue...then it was quickly flooded with riding in my new car, going on walks in the evening, laying on the new floor as we were laying it, getting to see everyone at the holiday gatherings, getting in the basket to slide down the steps into the storm shelter, and finally all of the kisses I got whenever she felt I needed one.

After spending 8 hours at the vet after surgery, we finally left with our little girl sleeping peacefully. Later that evening we returned to a pretty alert girl, she was sitting in her unit, watching the door, again I ran and plopped down in the floor and we shared numerous hugs and kisses. The next morning I called to check on her and was informed that she was doing really great and was drinking water and ate a little bit. I rushed up on my lunch hour and again cuddled and loved on her as she did me, and that night, she actually ate and went outside.

The next morning I called and was told she had taken a serious turn and that I might want to consider coming up as soon as possible. When I got there, I curled up next to her in her unit and softly stroked her and told her I was sorry for the unjust treatment life had dealt her and that she would always be special and loved by me. I looked up to see her vet, who had tears streaming down her cheeks, when I heard the words that I so dreaded to hear...she's gone, there was not a single sound in the ICU unit, not a dog bark, a cat's meow, a whimper, a cough...nothing, eerie silence as if the entire building was somehow paying its last respect to a little girl who somehow, magically, and mysteriously touched so many lives in such a short time. I miss you Lady Bugs and will always love you.

WELCOME!

New RSR/OKBR Adopted Families!

MAY

Kinley—The Boone/Slack Family, OKC, OK
 Odie—The Nummy Family, Yukon, OK

JUNE

Buster II—The Belveal Family, Jones, OK
 Mickey—The Cackler Family, Whitewater, CO
 Minnie—The Cackler Family, Whitewater, CO
 Fiyero (Enzo)—The Gasaway Family, Denver, CO

JULY

Sugar—The Moore Family, Sanger, TX
 Odessa—The Galiano Family, Mesa, AZ

AUGUST

Gru—The Liberda Family, Dallas, TX
 Boomer—The Gay Family, Norman, OK
 Dixie—The Gay Family, Norman, OK
 Gibbs—The VanStine Family, Jenks, OK

SEPTEMBER

Bobby McGee—The Hail Family, McKinney, TX
 Raisen—The Ray Family, Edmond, OK

OCTOBER

Morty—The Madden Family, Stillwater, OK
 Bailey—The Moe Family, Placitas, NM

NOVEMBER

Matilda—The Kokendoffer Family, OKC, OK
 Brooke—The Benight Family, Owasso, OK

CHANGES?

If you move or change phone numbers, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure to notify RockySpot Rescue of the changes in your address or phone numbers. We need to keep our records up to date so that we have a way to contact you should your dog become lost and is then found and we are contacted. And please keep the RockySpot Rescue ID tag (with their unique 3 digit number) on your dog – along with YOUR ID tag, complete with current contact information. We recommend tags with info like this:

Rover Smith	(dogs name/your last name)
555-555-5555	(cell or home phone)
555-555-5555	(home or second phone)
REWARD	(NEEDS MEDS if needed)

It could be the only thing that saves your dog's life and ensures its safe return to you.



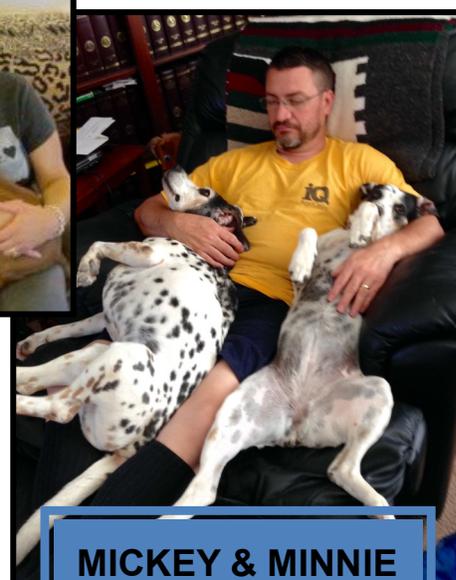
Adopted!



MORTY



MATILDA



MICKEY & MINNIE

SHOP ONLINE TO HELP RSR DOGS!

Can't donate or volunteer? Never fear as there are **OTHER WAYS TO HELP!**



Welcome to one of the easiest way to donate to the rescue without costing you ANYTHING! www.igive.com! Registration is FREE and when you select RockySpot Rescue as your designated charity, the dogs get fed! WOOF! Igive.com is an online shopping mall that includes well-known merchants like PetsMart, Amazon, and Target along with countless more! By going one time to www.igive.com and downloading Igive to your computer and designating RSR as your charity of choice, then every time you are online at a site that participates with Igive, a small window will appear letting you know how much of your purchase will be donated to RockySpot dogs! There is absolutely NO additional cost to you! Do your back-to-school shopping, Christmas shopping, birthday shopping and summer vacation shopping through Igive.com and GIVE to homeless pups! It is easy as that! The dogs thank you arroooooOO!!!



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support our rescue efforts every time you shop thru Amazon, and all at no cost to you. On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), just select ROCKYSPOT RESCUES as your nonprofit charitable organization to receive donations. Then, each time you shop at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to all the homeless dogs in our care!

Events



Jeffie



Galinda

6th annual Ghost Runners 5K

October 25, 2015

Nipper #6

I am 90 and healthy, have many friends, and have owned 6 Dalmatians since 1952. I can't remember why I wanted a Dalmatian but I remember I had the only Dalmatian in Alva for years! Every one of them I called Nipper, and every one of them was special in their own spotted way.

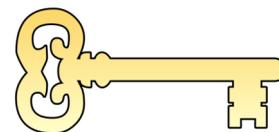
But this is about Nipper #6 (formerly Whitney when she was at RockySpot). She is in her 11th year with me but she could be older as she came from rescue, and when I got her she was only estimated to be a 1 year old. Nipper is aging faster this year. This week for the first time, she stays behind me 50 or more feet on our walks and I have to stop and let her catch up. After 15 minutes I put her in the car and then finish the regular walk. She also stopped jumping on the bed earlier this year. When it's time to get in bed, she puts her front paws on the bed and waits for me to lift her up. But despite all this, she still looks good and is a perfect hostess for the last two big dinner parties we had.

Nipper #6 is the BEST, the best trained, the friendliest, and is impossible to lose, even in Times Square without a leash. Last year she lost her hearing, which is too bad, as until then she sure loved to talk and she had a big English vocabulary.

I may need help if she goes before me as I couldn't stand being alone or sleeping alone without a Dalmatian hugged up against my back. But there is no telling about Nipper, she may still be around a long time. Both of us for that matter!

Fred & Nipper

YOU ARE THE KEY! The Key to Our Success!



When the economy fell this last time, we lost 50% of our donor base and unfortunately, 75% of our volunteer base as well. We have been operating with only half a dozen or so volunteers for some time now and in order to provide proper care for the dogs in our program, we had to stop taking new dogs in at the rate we were before. Thankfully there are many new, younger and very active rescues surfacing to help the animals we are unable to add to our care, but this also means we face much tougher competition for adoptions, fundraisers and volunteers for our own rescue.

Our wonderful vets are accommodating as much as possible but they still have to increase their fees, and even though our adoption donation is only the cost of basic vet care on each dog, we can NOT compete with the much lower adoption donations of the many better supported younger rescues now, much less increase them in order to cover our basic vet care expenses. Donations are not coming in fast enough to cover normal daily care of our dogs much less the special medical needs as they occur.

Struggling to maintain for several years now, but even with fewer dogs, and reduced expenses as much as possible without reducing dog care, we still have not recovered. We can't keep going without your help and support. Whether that be donating your own time or funds, or by just spreading the word far and wide, when you can, YOU are the KEY to our success....

FIVE most important things needed for our success (even more than donations!):

- 1) Website revamping! An easy, informative, and CURRENT website is mandatory for good exposure for the dogs and to attract the best homes.**
- 2) Database maintenance is imperative to stay in touch with our adopted dogs, our donors, and to get our messages out to as many as possible.**
- 3) Adoption outreach workers - without those willing to coordinate outreach adoptions in different locations and get dogs there to be SEEN and handled and petted and loved, they will be lost and will just exist in our program for life.**
- 4) Email, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media will make or break a group. Without someone with TIME to dedicate to being the VOICE of our rescue and talk and visit with people, and constantly update them on our dogs and our needs, we will be lost. Right now, we have no one with that talent or time to help in this area. (Remember we are an "old" (not run by the younger generation) rescue and sorely lack this knowledge or skill.**
- 5) People to spend TIME with our dogs. We all have full time jobs that supplement the lack of funding so our time with the dogs, other than care, is very limited. THEY NEED YOU to come love them and play with them some.**

FIVE reasons to volunteer with the RockySpot Rescue:

- To help keep the dogs happy while they wait longingly for their forever home
- If you can't commit or aren't allowed to have a pet
- When volunteering, you may discover new skills you never knew you had
- To give back to the community
- It'll look good on your resume or college application

BLACK FRIDAY ADOPTION SPECIALS!



Elphaba – Spayed Female 1.5 years old



Galinda– Spayed Female 1.5 years old



Chistry – Neutered Male 1.5 years old



OZ – Neutered Male 1.5 years old



Mayvis – Spayed Female 3 years old

\$50

Discount
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\$20

\$50 off
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TAKE A CHANCE ON ME!

*If you change your mind, I'm the first in line
Honey I'll set you free
Take a chance on me*

*Gonna do my very best and it ain't no lie
If you put me to the test, if you let me try
Take a chance on me*

DIXIE – Doxie Mix, 3 yo female



**ADOPTION
SPECIAL
50% Off**

**BONDED
PAIR**



BOOMER – Basset, 7 yo male



In an effort to keep adult dogs one year of age or older together that have previously lived in the same home, their regular adoption fee will be reduced, if adopted together.

MAX – Beagle, 9 yo male



SCRAPPY – Beagle, 7 yo female



For some animals, finding a new home takes an unusually long time. Age, color, breed, type, or even a minor medical issue can cause uncertainty in the mind of a potential adopter. And in some cases, a dog's true personality isn't apparent in the kennel environment. But these dogs have the potential to make wonderful pets - if only they had the chance to prove themselves. Adopt one of these great dogs on a trial basis and if it's not a match made in heaven, you can return the animal in two weeks for a full refund of your adoption fee. For more on the dogs in this special, please visit www.rockyspot.com and www.okbr.org. For more information email info@rockyspot.com or call 405-699-7358.

COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION

Have you been assigned community service hours by a court? As part of your probation or sentence? Or by your school as a requirement for a class or for graduation? No matter the reason you have been assigned mandatory community service, RSR is here to help you fulfill that requirement!

RockySpot Rescues, a 501(c)3 tax exempt nonprofit (IRS Tax ID# 73-1591308) can provide community service hours for individuals who are completing community service for school, work, court, or a club. Community Service opportunities are available on weekends, including most holidays. Community Service individuals assist employees with the daily duties at the shelter, such as cleaning enclosures, washing dishes, folding laundry, ground maintenance and other duties as assigned.

Individuals 14 years and up are eligible to participate however anyone under 18 will require adult supervision and parental consent. If you are performing community service for school, work or a civic organization we ask that you provide applicable paperwork or contact information for verification.

PLEASE NOTE: All individuals that have been court-ordered to perform community service of five (5) or more hours must provide documentation verifying the type of offense when you submit your paperwork. We allow a variety of offenses including DUIs, traffic violations, loitering, and various misdemeanors, at the discretion of RockySpot Rescues. Violent offenses (assault, battery etc.) or animal cruelty charges are not eligible to perform community service with RSR.

Completion of Community Service

1. Upon completion of your community service hours, you will be given a record of the number of hours completed. This record is your responsibility to keep and submit to your referring agency/counselor/teacher.
2. The referring agency/counselor/teacher will be notified of any failure to or refusal to follow the program rules. Any violation may result in the immediate ineligibility in the RSR community service program.

WHY COMMUNITY SERVICE?

- To help other people
- To feel good about myself
- To keep active in my spare time
- To gain job experience
- To do something fun with friends
- To enhance job résumés and college applications
- To have variety in my life
- To meet interesting people
- To make a difference in my community

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
...Sir Winston Churchill

Where Are They Now??



Best foster failure ever!
Four years of a dorky
beagle. Thank you OKBR!
~Diane, on **Lemon**



Jezabelle checking in
also. Sassy as ever,
but has come SO far!
~Diane



Casey's Halloween Costume. She's going
as a bag of cat chow. ~Jill



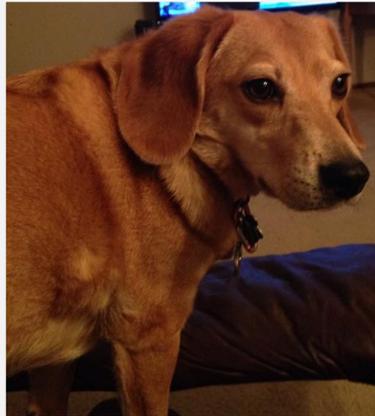
Life is good for **Enzo (Fiyero)**
he's a spoiled pup! ~Kerry

Cinnamon (AKA Ellen, one of Fancy's
kiddos) checking in. I'm proud to introduce
my new brother **Diesel**. Here you see me
giving him loves while he was sick from
heartworm, ehrlichea and UTI treatment.
He was a hot mess but he's better now and
together we make the dynamic duo of Cinn-
Diesel. Aroooooo!!!! ~Cindy





Hello I'm **Brooke Anne** and I steal Apple pie off the counter!!



I'm **Fancy** and I just had one bite. Oh, I also chewed up the plastic lid!!

I'm **Hershey** and I helped!! ~Ronnie



I'm **Roxi** and I stole an entire Big Mac and Fries meal off the kitchen table.

~Skye

Hi. My name is **Baybee**. If this kitten steals my bed, I let her. ~Susan (Baybee has recently gone to see her friends at the Rainbow Bridge.)



Hi. My name is **Louie**. Also an OKBR alum. I have eaten a pound of frozen bacon off the counter. A stick of butter. As well as a pork steak. (Not all at the same time, but you get the point.) ~Kerry



RJ is definitely spoiled rotten and has been best buds with Malcolm since the day we brought Malcolm home from the hospital. I was worried that he would try to jump on him or get jealous of him, but he hasn't. He's protective of him, if anything, and when Malcolm cries he runs around the house squeaking until someone takes care of him. I knew he was an amazing dog when we adopted him, but he has exceeded my expectations with how awesome he is with Malcolm and Nick Jr.

~Courtney

Hi Folks: Everything is going great after five plus years. **Lucy, the Babe**, and I are glad that the weather is a lot cooler. We are out playing and chasing squirrels. After all these years, I have figured out what to do with a ball. It's an interesting object. Lucy of course loves to chase after balls so after watching her all summer, I finally got the idea. We're doing great here and its getting close to Turkey Time and Xmas. Great times to sleep! I think I'm a watchdog sometimes. Actually I am really good because I am believable. I don't bark just for fun most of the time. Lucy keeps everyone busy. She is the alpha dog or thinks she is. Tell Mary, Teresa, and Chuck hi. If any of my old friends are around tell them hi. B tells me I am the best dog ever and she is right. Have a great holiday!

Lennie

We adopted **Larry** six to seven years ago or should I say he adopted us. He is doing great and so, so good with our great nephew (shown here) and with our 7 yr old and granddaughter. Larry is one of the gentlest souls we have ever known. He is our sweetheart, our big Larbear. He loves hunting in our yard and treeing coons and opossum. Thanks OBR for such a great fur son. ~Clay & Paula



Shay, adopted back in 2008 or 2009 from Rocky Spot. She's happy in Pueblo West, Colorado. She's getting gray now, but she still loves to chase the ball and bring it back for almost endless throws! Last year a little "sister", Darci, was rescued locally to join the family. She tries to keep up with Shay, but short legs have limitations! They both are happy, healthy, enjoy each other and bring us much joy! ~Karen

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