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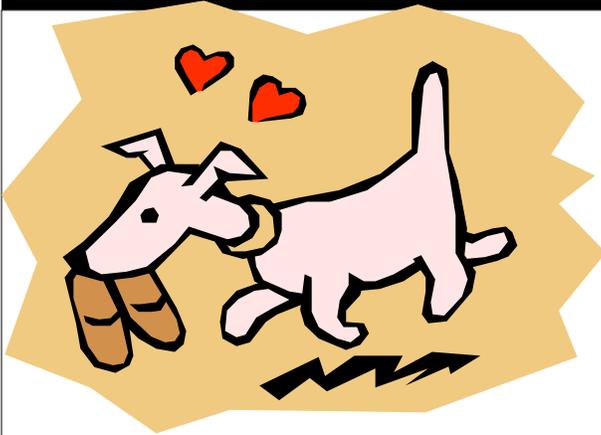
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## Pay it Forward

*"You don't pay love back; you pay it forward."*



January 2007 and the largest, bleakest ice storm the state had ever seen came bearing down on the land. Animals in shelters across Oklahoma were in danger of freezing when the electricity went out or starving when humans could not travel out to feed them. A statewide plea went out to get as many animals out of the shelters as possible. Sophia was one such plea. The little deaf mixed breed had very few options - one of which

was humane euthanasia rather than facing the rage of the storm. Despite very risky travel conditions, a wonderful, caring, *unknown* individual brought Sophia to RockySpot and to safety. Unable to pay this person back, RockySpot *paid it forward* by finding Sophia the most wonderful home. Today, Sophia is continuing to pay it forward. Let's follow her lead and consider our own blessings and continue to *pay it forward* to those in need.

*"Dear RSR, I wanted to let you know that Sophia is now a full fledge certified therapy dog/ canine good citizen. She has attended a few public education events with our pet therapy organization and will soon start making visits to people who need her. The president of our pet therapy organization said she would like to see her work with special needs children, but who knows where we will end up. She has brought so much joy to our lives in the last two years we are very excited to be able to share her with others. Everyday when I look at her I'm so grateful for the work you and your organization does. She is such a special dog and her story could have ended very differently if not for you (and others). She has definitely been a gift, and now we get to "pay it forward". We will send you some pictures of her in her service vest once we get it. I know she will look adorable wearing one. With Love, Ashley, Dennis, and Sophia"*

## Wish List

### ▪ Dog meds

Frontline Flea Tick meds  
Cosequin  
Select Anti Oxidant  
HW preventative (Ivermectin)  
Tape wormer

- red leashes and collars for adoptions
- bandanas
- tiny dog biscuits
- Kuranda BUNK bed conversion kits  
20x30 or 25x35
- gas and phone cards
- postage stamps



## **Felix & Oscar happily ever....apart?**

After too many years of trying to keep **Felix** (*deaf Dalmatian*) and **Oscar** (*Cow dog*) together because they were so bonded, RSR decided it was time to split them so they would find a home. And find a home they did! Although they no longer have each other we don't think they are complaining! What lucky puppies they are! Here are reports from each home!

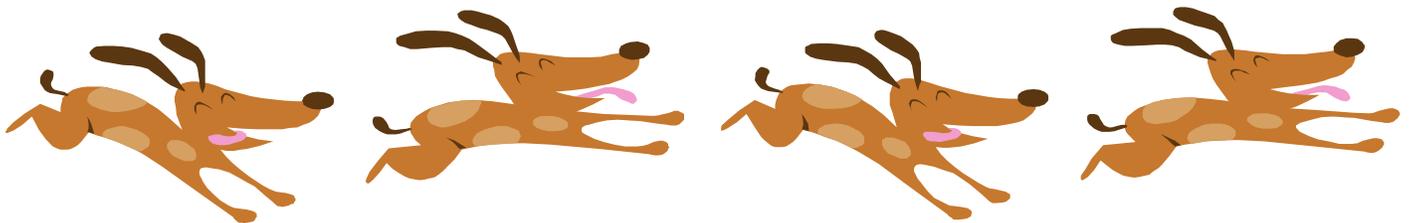


*We love having Felix in our family. He is the male with our female dogs and he rules the roost here. He is very loving and always wants to sit or lie next to us. He can hear more than we thought and he responds to us. He likes to try to make Posey, (our other dog) jealous and he does a pretty job of that. However, they sleep in the same doggy bed or both see how close they can get to my daughter in her bed. The neighbors like him too because he is the only "real" Dalmatian they have seen in awhile. We have our new fence now and we call it Felix's fence. Thank you for the good care you provide for the animals. Felix is the best! --- Debby*

*Oscar/Hunter has fit in like he was meant to be here with our family all along. He supervised the installation of his doggie door and has a new four legged friend named Vanilla (so maybe he won't miss Felix so bad!) He seemed a little stressed but overall he has handled the move very well. He is on his best behavior and I am sure he likes it here, you were right when you said he can not stop wiggling his butt, it is funny but cute. He is smart and helped Vanilla learn how to use the doggie door they both paid close attention to the explanation of how to use the door, then he gave Nilla an example and they both just love it, in and out they went for several minutes. Well we have so much more to explore I have to go help him - Catherine*

### **Rainbow Bridge**

Sydney —The Vestal Family  
Sugar Bear—The Vestal Family  
Peetie—The Cappony-Stroud Family  
Mocha—The Marzano/Hyatt Family  
Chasie—The Cappony-Stroud Family  
Shadow—The Arcaroli Family  
Peabody—The Barber Family  
Beethoven Shows—The Shows Family





## **A Two-Bit Christmas - It's a Wonderful Life**

Peetie & Petey Got their Wings



14-year-old Petey was life itself to his son Two Bit. They even endured the nightmare of being turned into a local kill shelter together. But just a few weeks after being saved, Petey died at the rescue in his sleep, Two Bit by his side. Not wanting to be apart, Two Bit even accompanied his dad to the vet to be cremated. Without Petey, Two Bit thought his world had come to an end... he had never been without his Petey.

While at the vet, RSR volunteer and adopter Estelle received the information that the love of HER life, her Dalmatian Peetie was dying of cancer. She thought her world was coming to an end too. Peetie had never been without his Estelle. And it had been 14 yrs since Estelle had been without her Peetie!

Was it coincidence that this was the same day Two Bit's Petey died? Was it coincidence that Two Bit and Estelle's eyes met at the vet's office that night? And that it was love at first sight for both of them? Both losing the Peetie/Petey loves of their lives, and both desperately needing each other, it was like fate intervened.

But we think our Peetie/Peteys had a plan! Each sending an angel to care for the ones they left behind once they were gone. And those Angels finding each other at exactly the same time. Petey knew Two Bit needed someone to love and Peetie knew Estelle needed Two Bit for comfort... for it was just a short while when she had to let go of her second love, Chasie, her beloved Cocker Spaniel. Without Two Bit, Estelle might not have survived. Without Estelle, Two Bit might not have survived!

Oh, those two Peetie/Peteys were very busy little angels planning all of this! They were determined that despite it all, Estelle and Two Bit have a wonderful Christmas! Ding Ding... Two special Spotted Angels just got their wings.

From Estelle:

*"Two Bit now sleeps with me EVERY night. He saved me and I think I saved him too. I am in LOVE with him and he is with me too. I think God had this all in his plans a long time ago (with a little Peetie/Peetie help.) I still cry for my dogs and I know he cries for his Petey too. He licks my tears away and every once in awhile I get a kiss. We just sit and stare at each other all the time and he is always by my side. He NEVER leaves me alone and I am always with him when I am home. He even eats his food in bed! We will both have a good Christmas this year regardless of our losses - We have each other. Two Bit (the perfect Dalmatian) is NOT for adoption! He is ADOPTED! -- The Cappony Stroud Family (God Bless Petey and Peetie & Chasie Stroud) We miss you!*

## Terrible Twos!

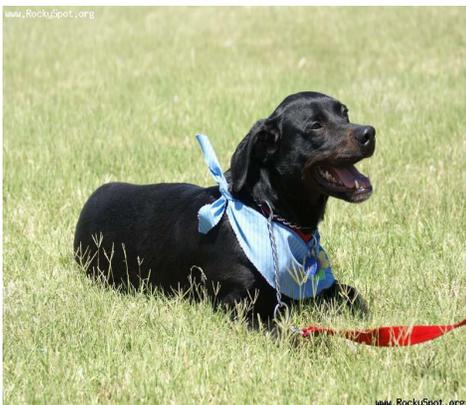
Help!! We have too many dogs that are in their Terrible Twos! They have been in the rescue program 2 years or more and have NO HOMES YET! Please look at them and consider offering them a forever home. They are so patient and are the BEST house dogs ever. They do not deserve to be left behind! See all of us at [www.rockyspot.org](http://www.rockyspot.org).

Leeeennniiiiieeee here. I am just a little pupper (about a year old) who does not understand the world yet. It is all so NEW!! After a year you would think I'd get it huh? But I have not really been exposed to much so I am just now learning about things. I just LOVE attention and petting and walks... but I am still really scared of new things, but sloooooowly I am getting better. Want to come take me to the park some day? Or home for the night or weekend even? I hear that I NEED that in the worst way.. so lets do it! What say? This weekend around noon? I will be waiting for you! Lennie



OKC SHELTER ABUSE CASE!! Finally free...

Hi! My name is Miss Daisy and I was in jail with my buddy Spotty for almost a year! (He has been adopted!) I was soo thin but now I am a good healthy weight and just a tiny sweet well mannered little lover girl. I have



been through alot this year so I have to warm up to you. But when I do.. LOOK OUT.. I am a soulmate waiting to happen! And I can give pretty good lovins if I say so myself. I am so happy to be FREE and smell the air and feel the sun on my face again. Whew! That was a long long time in a pen. I am just glad to be alive and healthy again and will do any thing for a home of my own. A GOOD home this time that I can love forever and never ever be a 'cruelty abuse' case again!

I am SOOOOO ready for a new home... I have been here waaayyyy too long. Look me in the eyes.. you can't resist they say.. cause I am a SWEET HEART who will love you more than life! Tiny and gentle.. big brown eyes begging for a hug.

Miss Daisy

I am a very happy loving EXTREMELY GOOD house dog. I do jump short fences but I never leave. I will love my family forever. I am soooo smart and obedient they say. I am good with EVERYTHING.. VERY PATIENT WITH EVERYTHING TOO.. happy go lucky! Calm and loving yet athletic and outgoing. I am the BEST family dog ever! I am a black lab mix who is around 4 or so. Just hanging out here waiting on the BESTEST family to see the BESTEST dog here and take me home with them! Are you the BESTEST!??!

ok ok.. I come clean.. I do have ONE fault... I am VERY VERY protective of my family. If I don't know you and my family is not home.. you will not get past my door. Just wanted to give you that heads up. I have never biten anyone.. but who knows what I would do if you tried to hurt my loved ones..... I would be sooooo upset... Yoda



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## Gracias from Dakota and Bear

Due to some pretty amazing people, and against almost insurmountable odds, brothers Dakota and Bear are still together and five year old Dakota is out of pain for the first time in his life. Twelve weeks into his total hip replacement, Dakota is a new dog. Still confined to a crate except on leash walks and bedtime snuggles, Dakota takes it all in stride as Bear supervises his rehab by his side. Only one more less-complicated surgery on the other hip in 3 months and Dakota and Bear will be available for adoption! That is, IF the foster home can give them up! I hear they love them a lot!!! ;- ) Thank you to EVERYONE who made this miracle happen and continues to keep it going!



## Heaven at Last — Sugar and Sidney

*As Etta James sang..*

*At last, my love has come along, my lonely days are over, and life is like a song....*

Sugar and Sidney's home HAD finally come along; their lonely days were over, and the last few months of their lives really were like a song. Holly took them home to North Carolina just a few short months ago, and quickly made them part of her family. Happy and free and loved, for the very first time in over half their lives, Sidney and Sugar enjoyed the feel of home and belonging for the very short time they had left on this earth. Then when it was time to leave, they curled up together and peacefully went to sleep... one last time feeling happy their time had come along.

*Oh, yeah, at last and here we are in heaven, for you were mine... At last.*



Thank you Holly for being "theirs"  
... at last.

God Speed sweet Sugar and Sidney.



## **Sami's Sunshine**

Darkness, total darkness. Some poor little souls are so completely shut down that no sunlight can penetrate the layers and layers of protection they hide themselves under. Years of continued abuse and neglect leaves nothing but a dark shell of fear... trusting nothing, not even themselves. Existing as far from everything as they can get, these poor creatures are all alone... all alone and scared as demons haunt their every waking and sleeping hour. Death would be better but death does not come.

Instead, RockySpot Rescue came. Our tormented Sami learned to 'exist' at the rescue in the furthest corner of the yards, only venturing from her hiding space to eat when hunger took over her legs. The darkness still engulfed her.



Then one day a very special woman drove 8 hours just to see Sami (and "see" her was all she could do as Sami was not coming out of her darkness). Taking a chance on this beautiful tortured little soul, Ruth took Sami to live with her and her Dalmatian Penny in Amarillo, Texas. Over the years, Ruth and the wonderfully patient Penny showed Sami a little daylight and how to trust or ignore the demons in her head. Ruth gave Sami a wide berth and Sami was so appreciative she started giving Ruth tiny hand licks as a thank you. Recently, Penny left for the Bridge and now it is just Ruth and Sami together. Sleeping in Penny's bed beside Ruth at night, and walking very carefully on a leash since Ruth now uses a cane, the sun fully shines in our Sami's face. No more Darkness, only Sunshine for our Sami now!

Thank you Ruth for loving her, being patient with her, and letting her walk toward the sun herself. I know Penny is wagging her tail as she looks down from the Bridge, very PROUD of her wonderful mom and her beautiful sister Sami who walks proudly beside her... in the warm wonderful sunshine.

## ***Santa Pics!***

**RockySpot Rescue** will be teaming up 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.

### **ROCKYSPOT RESCUE**

**CENTRAL OKC PETSMART (63<sup>rd</sup> & May)**

Sunday 12/6

**YUKON PETSMART (I-40 and Garth Brooks Blvd)**

Saturday 12/12

**NORTHSIDE OKC PETSMART (Rockwell & NW Exp)**

Saturday 12/19

Sunday 12/20

### **OKLAHOMA BEAGLE RESCUE**

**NORMAN PETSMART (Ed Noble Pkwy)**

Saturday 12/5

Sunday 12/6

Saturday 12/19

Sunday 12/20

**QUAIL SPRINGS PETSMART (Penn & Memorial)**

Saturday 12/12

Sunday 12/13

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. Call 699-7358 to help!**

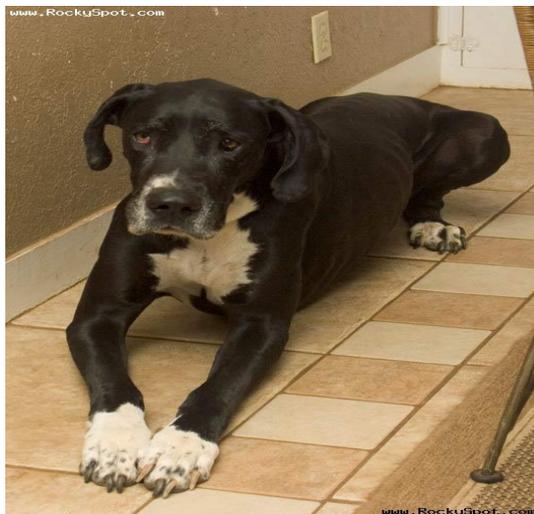


## Terrible Twos, continued

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

I have been in a few homes who loved me and they can tell you all about me.. (they had small dogs.. not a good idea) SO come rescue me again please. I am soulmate dog.. I am.. and with me you won't NEED a small dog. I will crawl in your lap and sleep with you and everything.. I can fill the shoes of small dogs I promise.. Just try me.

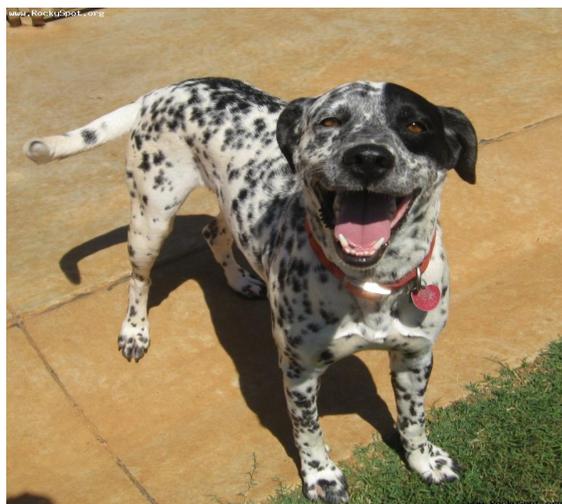
Dane lovins Zoe



Hey look at me! I am a petite but furry ball of joy. I am fun fun fun and such a happy girl. I know SIT and how to use a doggy door. Oh, and I like to run and play with the other dogs. Come see me, I LOVE visitors! I was only about 6 mo when I came her in Sept of 07 so I am still a youngster! They think I might be part Flat-Coat Retriever and Border Collie! Or even full .. these are Dalmatian folks you know.. they don't know much about us black hairy dogs but how to LOVE US! And they DO love us! I have been in a foster home (an apt) for months before they had to move. They said I was the calmest most loving gentle yet playful dog ever in the world and they cried when they left.. me too sniff.. COME ADOPT ME or at least FOSTER ME and see for yourself! I love everything and everyone and am very low maintenance (but with "good energy" what ever that means!) Shay

I am the pup formally known as Rupert! They call me Oreo now! I had a wonderful home for a few years and they called me OREO! I like that name! They sure loved me alot. Taught me how to be a GOOD dog and a good family member. I was one lucky puppy but also one protective puppy. WAY too protective of my family they say. But you see I LOVED my kids.. alot! AND I did not want ANYONE to hurt them.. so maybe I over did it a bit.. :-(.. I had to come back here and try to find a home with NO kids at all so I don't get so protective again. I thought I was doing a good job!! I did!! I worried about my kids being so "unprotected" and all with out me there but I had a talk with my buddy here Oscar who decided to go live with them and watch over them for me! Whew!! I feel much better about things now! I know Oscar is big and strong and brave and won't let ANYTHING happen to my (our) kids now. So here I am looking for another home. NO KIDS (dang it) but that is ok. I love to play ball, and I love the water and I am a GREAT house dog.. would love to go for runs with any "big" kid out there.. so if you are just a big kid at heart. COME SEE ME! We will be pals!

Oreo (formally known as Rupert!)





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

“Welcome, New RSR  
Family Members!”

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JUL      *Tyler* -- The Reichert Family, Lansing , WV  
            *Sugar* – The Vestal Family, Ashville , NC  
            *Sydney* - The Vestal Family, Asheville , NC  
            *Davidson*-- The Thorngren Family, Wake Forest, NC

AUG

*Viper* – The Turner Family, Blanchard , OK  
            *Mouse* – The Saunders Family, Oklahoma City,OK  
            *Popcorn* – The McLaughlin Family, Oswego , KS

SEPT

*Sierra* – The Diehl Family, Del City , OK  
            *Blanca* – The Kodman Family, Oklahoma City , OK