

President's Message



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- PayPal & credit card via the OBG website:
www.cockerspanielrescue.com
- Donate by check – see page 4
- Sign up for the GiFT program with a monthly donation

Dear Friends,

It's that time again! Double your money, double the lives saved! As part of our Summer Fundraising Campaign, a group of generous donors has agreed to donate up to \$30,000 to match every donation up to that amount. That's \$60,000 for the dogs saved by OBG! This Matching Funds Drive will run from August 1-31, 2017. Please read on to learn how the money we raise in this campaign will be used to save lives.



Star

Star - Helping Her Light Shine Bright Again

Twelve-year old Star was clearly living a hard life before arriving at OBG. When we first learned about her she had already been sitting in the shelter for at least week and we didn't want her to spend another moment there. Thanks to a lot of teamwork and some wonderful volunteers and supporters, OBG was able to save her life that day. She was then named Star in honor of Independence Day.

As this letter went to print, Star was still being medically evaluated. However, she arrived with a huge tumor very close to her anus, a nasty open sore on her ear, one bulging eye with what appears to be chronic glaucoma and her other eye has receded so much our intake volunteer was not sure at first if the eye was still there. She

is both deaf and blind, has a heart murmur, a severely extended belly, is anemic and has elevated liver values. We estimate Star's veterinary care, including treatment by both the ophthalmologist and the cardiologist will cost thousands of dollars. Can you please make a tax-deductible donation to help with her care? OBG will also need a foster home for Star when she is medically cleared.

It's not just the "big ticket" dogs that make rescue work so expensive.

OBG's average vetting cost per dog is \$1,504, which means the \$350 adoption fee only partially offsets our medical costs (just 23%). In addition to routine vetting, many of our dogs have various infections (eyes, ear, skin) that need treatment. Shelter dogs often have kennel cough and need extended kennel stays in isolation which drives up our kennel costs and then we always have our share of heartworm positive dogs – seven so far this year: Irine, Jason, Nigel, Rocky, Misty, Edgar and Jojo (featured above). Without your donations, OBG would not be able to save any dogs, no matter what condition they are in. Please read on to learn the stories of some recent intakes that will be helped by your tax-deductible donation.

Shop online and help OBG



Click on the Amazon Smile link on our website and OBG

receives a percentage of your purchase. We have raised over \$4600 to date. You can also set it up to donate to OBG every time you shop.



Star's ear

Ladybelle, Koda and Pixie – Rescue comes at a price

In this case, the price was \$525.00. A Good Samaritan saw the dogs for sale in West Virginia and negotiated the price for all three so OBG could rescue mama Ladybelle (3 years old), daddy Koda (4 years old) and their 7-week-old puppy, Pixie, and save them from a probable life of backyard breeding or being sold to a questionable home. The owner no longer wanted the three dogs, but she wasn't interested in saving their lives; she just wanted to make money off of them. In addition, OBG still had to cover the cost of their vetting. Your donations to OBG will not only help pay for the care of Ladybelle, Koda and Pixie, but also make certain we have money to pay for more dogs the next time an owner is more interested in making money than ensuring the welfare of her dogs.



Ladybelle and Pixie

Koda

Riley and Sissy – Giving Peace of Mind to an Elderly Owner

Recently, OBG received a particularly heartbreaking intake request. Ten-year old Sissy and six-year old Riley lived in a home where they had been very much loved and cared for over the years. Sadly, their "mom" died last year from cancer and their "dad" had to move to a nursing home. He loved Riley and Sissy very much and was distraught knowing he could no longer care for them. He was adamant he would not surrender them to a shelter where they could end up in a home where they might be neglected or abused. As hard as it was for him to contemplate, he had decided he would have them humanely euthanized before risking they would fall into the wrong hands. Can you imagine having to make that decision about your own beloved pets? Fortunately, he found out about OBG and we agreed to accept both dogs. Their owner will still grieve over having to give them up, but he now has peace of mind knowing OBG will take care of both



Riley

Sissy

his babies and find them loving new homes. Your tax-deductible donations will go towards their kenneling costs until a foster home can be found for them.

Denim and Sophie Sue – OBG's commitment to our dogs lasts a lifetime

If you have ever adopted a dog from OBG, you know OBG's contract provides that if you can no longer keep your dog, your dog must be returned to OBG. While we do our best to find forever homes for every dog we adopt out, no one ever knows for sure what the future holds. Sophie Sue was adopted at the age of 4 and turned 9 years old this year. Sadly, her owner died and she had to be returned to OBG. Denim was adopted at the age of 7 and is now 11 years old. His owners' circumstances changed and they could no longer keep him so he was returned to OBG. Dogs at these ages can be harder to adopt out, plus they are generally more expensive and require more medical care. Your tax-deductible donations to OBG will help pay for their ongoing care until we find new homes for them.



Denim



Sophie Sue

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

One thank you doesn't seem like enough when I think about all our loyal supporters do for OBG every year. Without each of YOU, OBG would not be able to save the lives of hundreds of dogs a year. You are the most incredible group of volunteers and supporters any rescue could ever hope to have and with your support, this fund drive will be another success!

Your Friend in Rescue,

Teresa

Teresa Butler
OBG President

Pupdates since our April President's Message



Our honorary Cocker, **Midget**, now **Felix**, found a forever home with his foster family. He was so frightened when he arrived and quickly developed a close bond with his foster brother, Nigel ('12) (featured here together). Moms Susan and Trish decided he was already home.

Thanks to your support, sweet senior **Snoopy** finally made it through all his medical procedures including double ear ablation, cherry eye and mass removal surgeries. Great news – the masses were benign! He is doing great in his foster home and now looking for a forever home. Learn more about him on our website.

OBG Events

Go to our website for details!
www.cockerspanielrescue.com



Pool Pawty

Olde Towne Pet Resort
 Sterling, VA
 Sunday, August 6th, 1 p.m.

Canine Cruise

Alexandria, VA
 Wednesday, August 23rd, 6:30 p.m.



Howl-o-ween Hayride

Lowelands Farm
 Middleburg, VA
 Sunday, October 22nd, 1 p.m.



March - June 2017

Adoptions!

Addie Bauer-Vasquez	Lucy Lu Bennett
Angel Dziedziak	Lula Parker
Angel Boy Schuckman	Marlie Edwards
Anzoo Hutchinson	Maxx Marks
Baxter Wasnesky	Midget Arango-Keenan
Belle Metzler	Midnight Hall
Benny Wallace	Millie Spangler
Bentley Heckman	Nigel Garrett-Valenzuela
Bogey Loftus	Oreo Staggs
Boomer Borda-Sulik	Pickles Prebilib
Bruce Jones	Quincy Allen
Buddy Shaw	Rosey Meek-Bradley
Buffy Farro	Rizzo Bell
Charley Norton-Mitchell	Rustie Krens
Charlie Kingsbury	Sadie Mullen
Chewbacca Neufeld	Samantha Ekman
CoCo Aldridge-Paris	Sammie Livingston
Daisy Kamps	Sampson Moore
Delilah Snyder	Sandi Miller
Dino Reininger	Sandy Dollar Forden
Dudley Brooks	Sarah Keene
Falcon Krinsman	Savannah Wood
Fiona Madden	Scrappy O'Brien
Freckle Dodge	Sebastian Patterson
Griffin Callahan	Thumbelina Edleson
Jackson Butler	Trinity Edelson
Koa Whipple	Valentine Sels
Konner Blymire	Walt Nicol
Little Westerman	
Lizzie McLaughlin	
Lucy Kingsbury	

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In Memoriam

*To our fosters and alumni who have passed over the Rainbow Bridge:
they are forever in our hearts.*

Alumni & Friends*

Xena Abell

Nick Bellamy

Belle Brodowski-Echan

Rascal Roo Bradley

Hershey Carroll

Gracie Candaux

Belle Echan

Coco Eicher

Freddie Eicher

Smokey Joe Felner

Precious Fox-Holtzapple

Duke Giampaoli

Hutch Grimm

Jimmy Haglund

Britches Harvey-

Bryson

Lucy Holahan

Bojangles Holman

Skippy Hu

Maxie Jacobs

Sadie Levesque

Bodhi Levine

Molly Lippman

Cosmo Materazzi

Nettie Mizelle

Lilly Moran

Lexie Nash

Logan Zane Owenby

CJ Phifer

LouLou Belle Readal

Murray Schum

Coco Stewart Tucker Tarr

Rudy Thurwanger

Ginger Yaeger

Bartles Yoo

Fosters:

Candy

Cara

Honey's Rockie

Jake

Trooper

If you would like us to include your beloved OBG alum in our "In Memoriam" list, send an email to: rainbowbridge@cockerspanielrescue.com. Your alum will also be included on the OBG Wall of Angels on the OBG Blog: obgcockerconnection.blogspot.com.

*As of 1 July 2017

YES, I WILL HELP WITH THE SUMMER FUND DRIVE!

Enclosed is my gift of:

___ \$500 ___ \$250 ___ \$100 ___ \$75 ___ \$50 ___ \$25 \$___ (Other)

Your Name: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation in honor/memory of (circle one): _____

If you would like us to notify someone of your donation, please indicate the recipient's name: _____

Recipient's address: _____

WE GRATEFULLY ACCEPT DONATIONS VIA CHECK OR ONLINE!

CHECKS

Payable to: OBG

Mail to: OBG Cocker Rescue

PO Box 30821 | Bethesda, MD 20824



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THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES!

GIVING FOR TOMORROW

Through our Giving For Tomorrow (GiFT) program, donors with a PayPal account can establish a monthly contribution to OBG. This is a perfect way to support medical bills or to pay kennel fees if you can't foster! You may set up a GiFT subscription of \$15-\$250 a month - go to www.cockerspanielrescue.com

YES, I'LL GO GREEN!

___ I want to save OBG mailing costs and receive the OBG newsletters, President's Letters, and all other OBG correspondence via email.

Return this form or email gogreen@cockerspanielrescue.com and type "Go Green" in the subject line. It's that easy.

SIGN ME UP!

___ I want to volunteer. Please contact me.