

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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## Our Winter Mini-Matching Fund Drive

In case you are new to OBG, I want to take a minute to explain how the matching fund drive works. Some of our loyal donors have pledged a total of **\$12,000** which they will donate if OBG receives donations from other donors totaling the same amount. So, if you donate \$10, a match of \$10 will be made by one of those donors and OBG will receive a total of \$20. If you donate \$50, it will be doubled to \$100, \$500 will be doubled to \$1,000 and so on. This will continue until OBG receives \$12,000 to be matched by our donors so that we will raise a total of **\$24,000** for the dogs! Every dollar counts!



## 3 EASY WAYS TO DONATE!

- PAYPAL OR CREDIT CARD ON THE OBG WEBSITE:  
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- DONATE BY CHECK – SEE PAGE 4
- SIGN UP FOR THE GIFT PROGRAM WITH A MONTHLY DONATION

## Happy Holidays from OBG Cockers!

Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue, Helping Cockers Young and Old ...

Dear friends,

**Helping Cockers young ...** Imagine you run a rescue and you get a call one day about a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  week old puppy that was surrendered to an animal shelter to be euthanized because she was born without an anus. This puppy, Tessa, was very ill because she could not defecate properly. You quickly find out that there is a surgery to correct the problem, but it will be costly – approximately \$5,000, plus additional medical expenses after surgery – and there's no guarantee of success. This sweet puppy is just starting her life and now the decision on whether or not to try and save her life rests with your rescue. You have to make an immediate decision whether or not the rescue will take her knowing how expensive this decision will be and that the outcome is uncertain. What do you do?

Tessa's story is not hypothetical. This was a real decision that had to be made recently. I'm happy to be able to share that thanks to all of YOU and the success of OBG's *Summer Matching Fund Drive*, OBG had the money to accept Tessa for intake and she had lifesaving surgery the very next day. I will tell you more about Tessa's recovery and ongoing medical needs later in this letter, but first I have lots of exciting news to share:

- As of October 31st, OBG has rescued 172 dogs and found FURever homes for 177 dogs!
- Thanks to all of YOU, we have raised **\$150,000** towards our **“\$200,000 for 20 years” goal!** This includes \$2,500 already donated to help sweet Tessa.
- OBG will be kicking off its **2016 Holiday Fund Drive** on the National Day of Giving, Tuesday, November 29th. Once again, some of OBG's fabulous supporters have made it possible for us to have a **Mini-Matching Fund Drive** which will run from November 29 - December 4 with the chance to raise a total of **\$24,000**!



Tessa



Quincy

**Helping Cockers old ...** At press time, 10-year-old Quincy is still at the vet waiting for a foster home, but he has quickly become a staff favorite because of his sweet demeanor. Unfortunately, Quincy has a

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Quincy's mass

number of medical issues including a golf ball size mass on his chest that needs to be removed, a marble size mass on his anus that should also be removed and terrible skin and ear issues. In fact, his skin is so infected that the risk of infection is too high to do surgery now, so the initial focus is on treating his skin, then surgery will be done. The estimate to treat all his medical issues is over \$1,500. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to OBG to help Quincy and dogs like him.

Another sweet senior OBG has been able to help thanks to support from all of YOU is 13-years-young Marlie.



When Marlie arrived at OBG, she had to have 21 teeth and a broken fistula removed at a cost to OBG of over \$2,400. Her foster mom reports now that Marlie can eat again, she seems to think she should be able to eat every time her foster mom eats! Then again, she is a cocker spaniel, so that is not surprising. Who can blame Marlie for wanting to make up for lost time? Unfortunately, Marlie's medical issues did not end with her extensive dental work. She has been diagnosed with Cushings disease which will cost

OBG \$277 for a repeat Cushings test every 90 days, plus a monthly \$60 medication. There are many ways to help OBG continue to save dogs like Marlie. If you are a government employee, consider designating OBG #27768 as your charity of choice for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) or you can donate through OBG's Giving for Tomorrow (GiFT) subscription program.

One of the saddest realities of rescue is that age is not necessarily an indicator of how much longer a



dog will have to live as demonstrated by two recent rescues, four-year-old Sampson, a Cocker Spaniel, and four-year-old DeeDee, a Cock-a-poo. Both dogs have significant heart issues; however, there is only so much the vets can do for them and their life expectancies have been cut short. Fortunately, both dogs are happy dogs who have no idea they are sick. Both are enjoying the time they have left by living their lives to the fullest in their foster homes. Their ongoing medical care is expensive due to the cost of vet specialist visits and medication. Both dogs will



cost OBG thousands of dollars. A great way to help dogs like Sampson and DeeDee throughout the year is to do your online shopping through AmazonSmile or iGive, such as when you are doing your holiday shopping.

**More about Tessa ...** I started this letter telling you about Tessa and I want to end with an update on her medical condition. Tessa was able to have the lifesaving surgery she needed as soon as she arrived at OBG. The surgery went well and her foster mom reports she is outgoing and enjoys playing with the adult dogs in the house. She even attended a puppy party recently and had a wonderful time. Her favorite activities include playing tug with the bigger dogs, chewing on soft toys



and playing in the yard. Her foster mom said Tessa likes to give little kisses and has the best puppy breath ever!

Although Tessa's surgery went well, there has been a recent complication and at press time, she had been at the emergency vet for three days at a cost to OBG of approximately \$1,000 a day. She has developed a stricture (a narrowed body passage) which the vet had indicated might happen. There is a medical procedure that can fix the stricture, but we do not know yet if the vet will want to do that surgery now or wait until she is a little bit older. We do not yet have an estimate for the cost of that surgery. In addition, there are other complications that Tessa might face so her ongoing medical costs are uncertain. What we do know for sure is that OBG's ability to continue to help Tessa and other dogs like her is

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dependent on the success of our *Holiday Fund Drive* and other fundraising efforts.

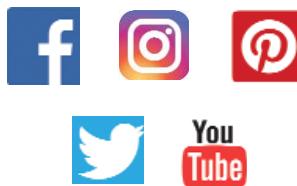
I want to close by extending heartfelt thanks from all of us at OBG for what each and every one of you do to support OBG. Without your financial support in the form of tax-deductible donations, the next time we get a call to help a dog like Tessa or any dog with medical issues, the answer will have to be no. YOU make the life and death difference for hundreds of dogs a year with your support of OBG.

Here's wishing you and your family, including your furkids, a wonderful holiday season!

Your friend in rescue,

*Teresa Butler*

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Click on the **Amazon Smile** and **iGive** links on the **OBG website** and OBG receives a percentage of your purchase!



Approximately 140 people and 80 dogs helped celebrate **OBG's 20th Anniversary** at Nottoway Park in Vienna, VA in September. Great food, friends and fun was had by all and over \$7,300 was raised for OBG's pups.

If you weren't able to join us, you can check out our party photo album on our Facebook page, OBG Cocker Spaniel Rescue under photos and view all albums. Special thanks to Jennifer Drob-lyen Photography for this great group shot!



## Pupdates



**Delilah**

Since our Summer President's Letter, **Delilah** is doing better in her foster home and has just completed her life-saving heart worm treatment. She will now rest up in preparation for surgery in December to repair her umbilical hernia and inguinal hernia plus spay and a dental. These medical procedures are all possible because of YOUR support. We hope she will be ready for a forever home in January.

We love to share our Happy Tails with you and especially senior ones, like **Raven**. This beautiful, 12-years-young girl with only one eye had found herself at the shelter twice; once after being dumped and then again when her new owner could no longer care for her. In less than a month with OBG, she was scooped up by her new Mom to live out her golden years with love and great care.



**Raven**



**Maddie**

**Maddie** hailed all the way from Cairo, Egypt where a Good Samaritan found her in a crowded Cairo shelter and contacted OBG. We couldn't say no to this precious 1-2 year old girl who just loves squeaky toys. Her foster Mom fell in love with her and it was a match made in heaven. Maddie officially joined her new family in August.

Puppy **Skipper** was one of the eight Lil' Sparklers born to Beagle Mom Daisy in late June. OBG had received an urgent plea to help Daisy who ended up in a shelter and was about to deliver any day. We could not turn down a girl in need so we welcomed Daisy and a week later, eight beautiful puppies. Skipper joined his forever family in early September and got a new name: Lyndon!



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## In Memoriam ...

Forever in our hearts.

## OBG Alumni:

Maggie Abrams-Anderson  
George Butler  
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Skye Costa-Nygaard  
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If you would like us to include your beloved OBG alum in our "In Memoriam" list, send an email to: [rainbowbridge@cockerspanielrescue.com](mailto:rainbowbridge@cockerspanielrescue.com). Your alum will also be included on the OBG Wall of Angels on the OBG Blog: [obgcockerconnection.blogspot.com](http://obgcockerconnection.blogspot.com).

## Recent Adoptions

Pitzer Alexander	Cody Dettmer	Jelly Bean Leftwich	Jules Seipel
Lady Alexander	Clarkson Edwards	Teddy Levesque	Zoie Shaw
Shilo Anderson	Lulu Edwards	Jackie Lindemann	Stubby Smith
Sammie Girl Ankeny	Max Feliciano	Murphy McCleaf	Simon Spillane
Harvey Ault	Sparkles Friedman	Desi McLean	Cookie Stewart
Raven Ball	Sheldon Gurley	Skipper Munger	Bojangles Sullivan
Frankie Bartlett	Hugh Guswiler	Jacob Orlando-	Charlie Chip
Ben Bettinger	Chance Hall	Resendez	Terrazas-Diaz
Marilyn Monroe	Rockie Hartnett	Lucy Palmer	Gypsy Thomas
Bettinger	Blu Hochstein	Barney Parrish	Tiny Tess Townsend
Queenie Bonner	Bud Hornby	Baxter Pattenden	Ethel Vincent-
Preston Browne	Darcy Johnson	Dakota Paul	Weberman
Parker Buchanan	Major Kavanagh	Maddie Pauley	Cindy Weismiller
Patches Campbell	Muffie Kennedy	Paco Pritchett	Sparky Whidden
Blue Christensen	Angel Kerrigan	Dexter Purkoski	Maggie May Wood
Ace Damon	Buffy Kronfeld-	Holly Richardson	Booker Wrobel
Rambo DeStigter	Morrissey	Charlie Roth	



## YES, I will help with the Holiday Drive!

Enclosed is my gift of:

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

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](http://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](mailto:gogreen@cockerspanielrescue.com) and type "Go Green" in the subject line. It's that easy.

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I want to volunteer. Please contact me.

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