



Shorewood Cocker Rescue

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Holiday Newsletter 2015



As 2015 draws to a close, we at Shorewood Cocker Rescue look forward to 2016 with great anticipation. The Wigglebutt Walk was a huge success. We had a number of people relocate so we knew we were going to be short handed but not only did family and friends pitch in but we soon learned that we had some very talented volunteers who more than filled any voids.

The greatest gift anyone can give is to become a foster home. Without them, there will be no Shorewood Cocker Rescue. A



Visit with old friends and make new ones at the walk.



Spread the word, we need more foster homes to save Cocker in animal shelters

few people did answer our pleas for foster homes but the need exists now more than ever. It is heart-breaking to turn down a dog due to lack of space since many times we are the only option. There are Animal Control Facilities which will not offer a dog for adoption if it has even the slightest medical need. Often the dog needs only a minor surgery. If we don't step up to help; who will? With the loss of Illinois Cocker Rescue the need for foster homes is even greater. We need to fill that void.

We are again asking people to offer their homes and hearts to a dog that really needs them. You will find it to be a very rewarding ex-

perience. It is hard to describe the feeling that you get when you see the dogs blossom right before your eyes. Then the day comes they leave and go to their forever home. The greatest reward of all is to see them flourishing with their forever family at the Wigglebutt Walk. If

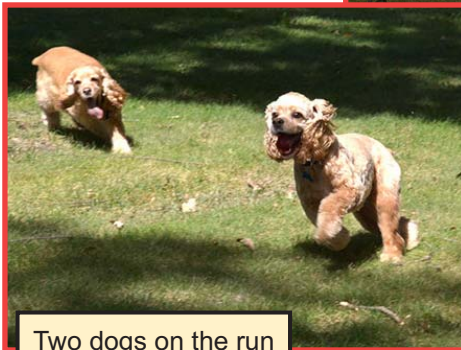
you have questions about fostering, please e-mail me at ebaumann2@charter.net



Many tables full of prizes waiting to be won.



A few of the Wigglebutt Walk contest winners



Two dogs on the run on the lure course



The Reason

(to you from all your rescue dogs)

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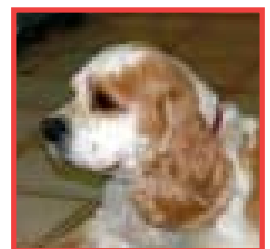


*I would've died that day if not for you.
I would've given up on life if not for your kind eyes.
I would've used my teeth in fear if not for your gentle hands.
I would have left this life believing that all humans don't care
Believing there is no such thing as fur that isn't matted
skin that isn't flea bitten
good food and enough of it
beds to sleep on
someone to love me
to show me I deserve love just because I exist.
Your kind eyes, your loving smile, your gentle hands
Your big heart saved me...*



*You saved me from the terror of the pound,
Soothing away the memories of my old life.
You have taught me what it means to be loved.
I have seen you do the same for other dogs like me.
I have heard you ask yourself in times of despair
Why you do it*

*When there is no more money, no more room, no more homes
You open your heart a little bigger, stretch the money a little tighter
Make just a little more room...to save one more like me.
I tell you with the gratitude and love that shines in my eyes
In the best way I know how
Reminding you why you go on trying.*



*I am the reason
The dogs before me are the reason
As are the ones who come after.
Our lives would've been wasted, our love never given
We would die if not for you*

The mission of Shorewood Cocker Rescue, Inc. is to assist homeless Cockers in finding permanent homes with responsible, loving families. We spay or neuter all Cockers prior to placement and check references on all adopters. We make every effort to carefully match each Cocker with the right family to maximize the adoption's success. SCR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

OLD DOGS

I recently purchased a book titled "My Old Dog". It is a group of stories of "Rescued Pets with Remarkable Second Acts". I was drawn to this book by the story of Einstein, a senior cocker who was adopted by George Clooney. Since this book was published Mr Clooney and his wife, Amal, have adopted a second

Cocker. Many of the adopters in this book are celebrities so this resulted in their dog also reaching celebrity status. Among them are David Rosenfelt (author), Brandon Stanton (author) and Jeanine and Bruce Nordstrom (retired CEO of Nordstroms).

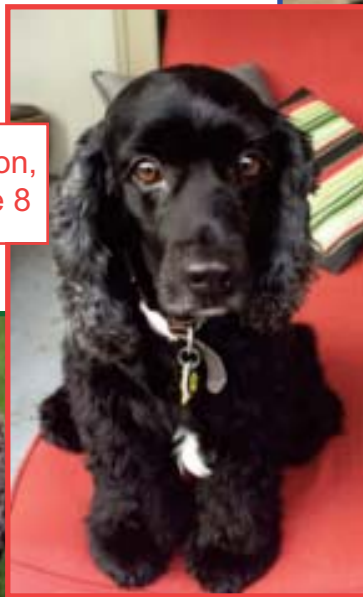
I think we need to honor our celebrity seniors. I know they also wish to give thanks to the very special people who adopted them.



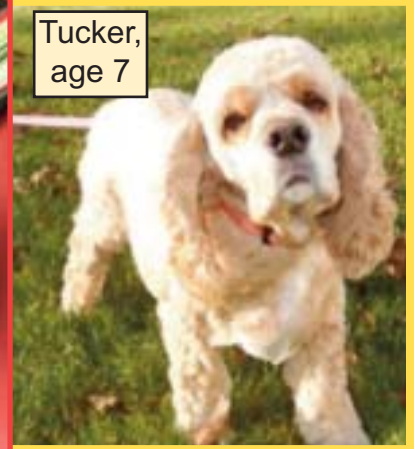
Oreo, age 14



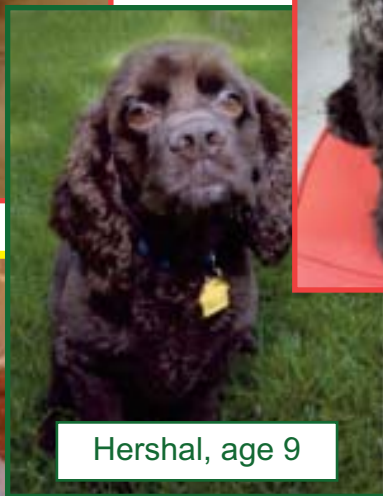
Scruffy, age 8



Akron, age 8



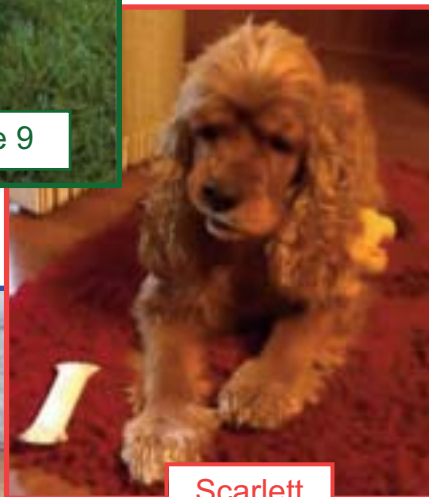
Tucker, age 7



Hershal, age 9



Brewer, age 7



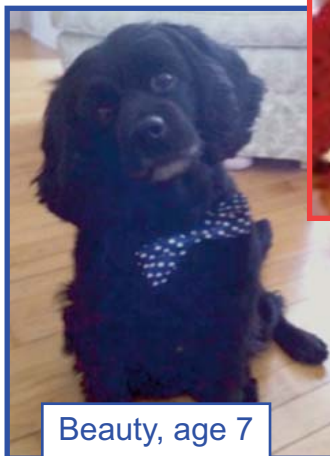
Scarlett, age 7



Cubby, age 9



River, age 8



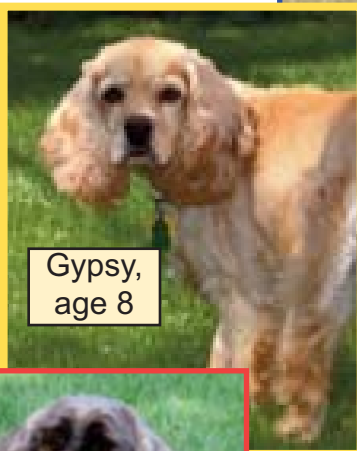
Beauty, age 7

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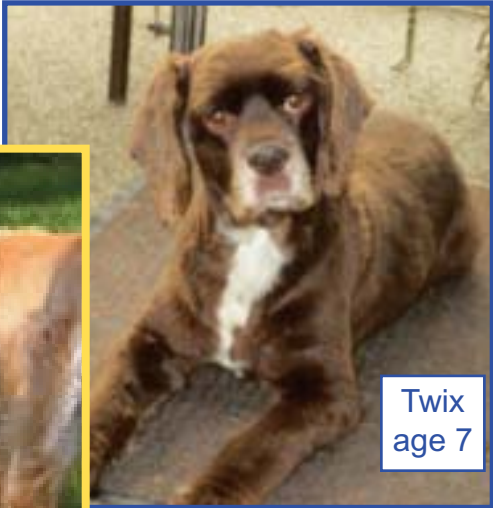
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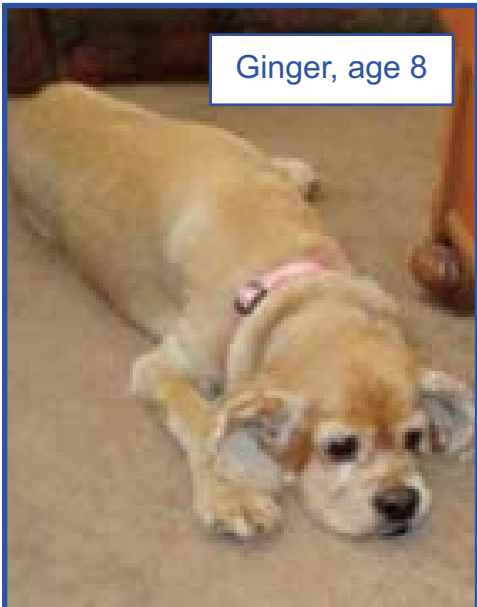
Maggie,
age 8



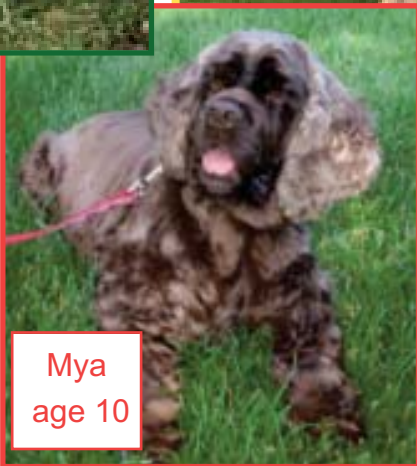
Gypsy,
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Twix
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Ginger, age 8



Mya
age 10



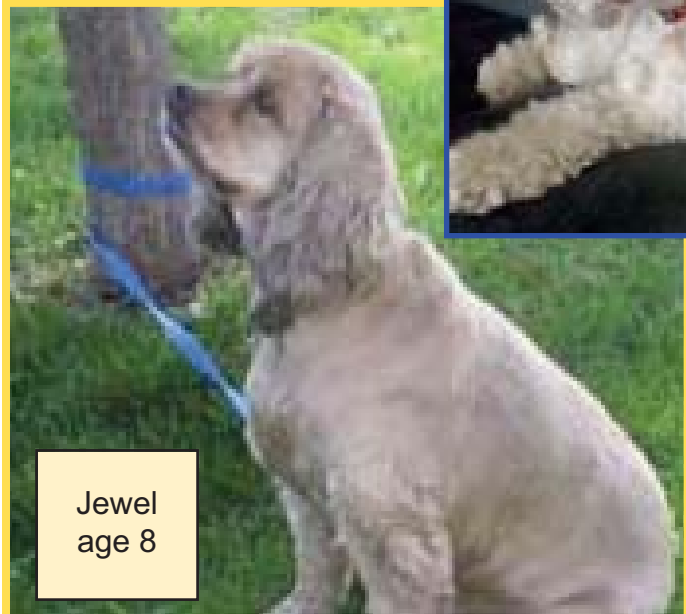
Tapioca
age 8



Sandy, age 8



Peggy,
age 12



Jewel
age 8



Sadie, age 7

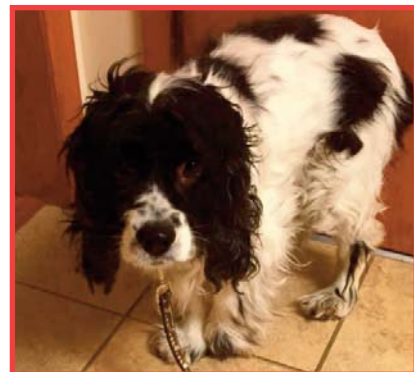
BECAUSE YOU WALKED YOU GAVE DOGS LIKE THESE A CHANCE AT LIFE

Another Wigglebutt Walk is behind us. Over 100 Cockers joined us for a wonderful day of activities at beautiful Brightondale park in Kansasville WI. This is not only a day for fun and camaraderie but is our only fundraiser. With rising vet costs we have to supplement the revenue raised by our adoption fees. Your attendance, pledges and donations make it possible for us to continue our work. We would like to share some stories of successes that YOU made possible.

CASSIE

In December, 2014, police were notified that, three days earlier, a family had moved and abandoned their dog. The scared, unkempt little black and white Cocker was taken to a shelter. They immediately noticed her very pronounced limp.

The shelter determined that her left elbow (front leg) had apparently been badly fractured and healed poorly. It appeared to be an old injury. The prognosis for repair was not very good and so they decided that surgery to repair the joint would not be an option. She would need to have her leg amputated. Dogs can adjust well when losing a back leg, but it is much more difficult when losing a front leg. The front legs account for most of a dog's strength and balance.



A friend of SCR was at the shelter and saw this sad little girl. He contacted our president and asked if we could take the pup. It was decided that we would try to help give this little girl a chance to lead a normal life, and so we took her in.

She was given all her shots and spayed. When she was healed, she was taken to a specialty clinic where an orthopedic vet examined her and took x-rays. The vet thought there was a chance that Cassie's leg could be saved, but if the surgery was not successful, she would have to amputate it.

A week later Cassie underwent 6-hour reconstructive surgery. Her joint was rebuilt – bones were removed and reset, several pins and rods were used. The vet was pleased with the results but was cautiously optimistic. Her foster mom picked up Cassie the following day and then she began her five months of daily physical therapy.

For the first few months she was on very restrictive movement and had to be crated 24/7 except for three potty breaks (on leash) and two very short walks every day. She was walked at a pace that encouraged her to use her "bad" leg and when she did, the walking time was increased by a few minutes. Gradually her walk time increased from two minutes to 15 minutes twice a day. She had daily range of motion exercises to prevent her joint from stiffening. After about three months she was then allowed, and absolutely loved, a little supervised free time in the house.

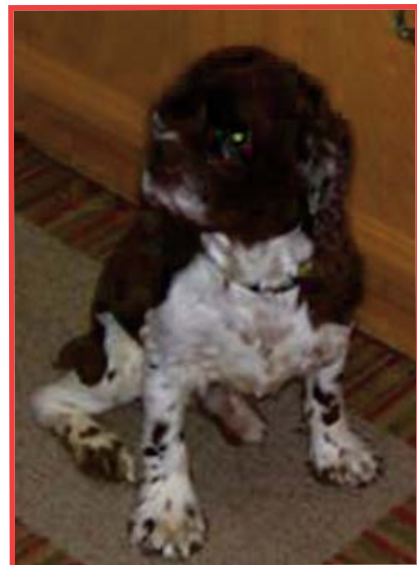


In April she began therapy treatments. She had 16 hydrotherapy, eight laser and three acupuncture treatments. Her leg would never be perfect and she would probably always have a limp, but there was a great deal of improvement and they felt she was no longer in pain. By the end of May it was decided that she would soon be ready for adoption. Previous adopters had heard about her and after seeing her picture, it was love at first sight. They applied to adopt her and after her last hydrotherapy treatment on June 9th, Cassie was placed in her very loving forever home with Mike, Rose and Cocker brother, Buddy.

I'm sure if Cassie met you, she would give you a big THANK YOU kiss!

Because You Walked... (Continued from page 5)**BROWNIE**

Hello. My name is Brownie. Here is my story. A few years ago I was a happy go lucky kind of guy. No troubles, no worries. One day I found myself running alongside fast moving cars on Chicago's Kennedy expressway. I ran for days. I couldn't seem to get through the river of headlights and find the off ramp. I lived on bits and pieces of food people left on the shoulder of the road. I was terrified. People called out to me but I didn't hear them. I was famous and made the evening news for several days. One day, I was caught by good people and taken in by Shorewood Cocker Rescue. I finally stopped running. They took good care of me, gave me food and shelter, and lots of tasty biscuits. Life was good.



One day a rural family from Racine, Wisconsin was looking for a good dog and they found me. It was a match made in heaven. I lived with the family for about three years. It was a good life, quiet, filled with many things to sniff and track, lots of family and friends. One day my human disappeared, he was sick. The kids took care of me, waiting for Dad to come home. Dad went to rehab. The kids waited and hoped. My human passed over the Rainbow Bridge. I was sad.

The kids loved me but could not take care of me. They called Shorewood and we said yes, Brownie always has a home with us, he's family. A strange lady came to pick me up. I was sad. She loaded my stuff (giant crate, eye and ear meds, antibiotics) in her car, and we were off. I coughed a lot. She took me to Shorewood's vet. I got a checkup and a chest x-ray. I was not in good shape, a case of congestive heart failure, heart murmur, and inoperable ear tumor. I went to a foster family, the strange lady picked me up again and took me home. I was sad.

I missed my farm in Racine. I missed my family. I was sad. I took my blood pressure meds and lived with my foster brother Jake and the doggie cousins. One day, I was not so sad, I perked up a bit. Soon, I was enjoying my new family. I lost weight, exercised regularly, lived beyond my 60 day supply of pills, and surprised everyone.

I had an ear infection that just wouldn't go away and the doctor didn't recognize me (I was a thinner happier Brownie). The ear tumor had grown, looked bad, and was now quite painful. Ear medicine didn't work. I was deaf for a long time and they decided to take a chance and remove the tumor. Surgery was quite an event, I was on meds and in no time I was like a new dog. I look younger than ever. Last week we renewed my annual blood pressure meds. Woohoo!!! Years ago I ran for my life and good people saved me from certain death on the highway. Years later, good people took me in and gave me another second chance. Thank you Shorewood Cocker family for making a difference in my life and the lives of all my SCR brothers and sisters.

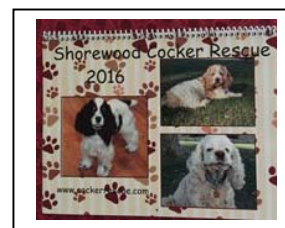
Love Brownie.

Brownie will spend his retirement years with Shorewood as a permanent foster.



Join the Shorewood Cocker Rescue Yahoo Group and share your views with other friends of the rescue. There will be news of Shorewood happenings, events and dog talk. It will be a chance for you to share your dog stories and photos as well as exchange ideas with other Cocker owners. This list will not be open to the general public so you will need to request membership. To become a member, email Elaine at ebaumann2@charter.net.

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