



Shorewood Cocker Rescue

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Holiday 2013



Shorewood Meets Challenges With Integrity and Care



To say that 2013 was an eventful year would be an understatement. We found ourselves taking in a number of dogs which needed a lot of work before we could offer them for adoption. We started the year by rescuing all the Cockers from a puppy mill auction. These dogs were purchased and donated by a volunteer who did not want to see them go from one puppy mill to another. These dogs totally lack social skills and actually fear human touch. Fortunately, there were only three. Two are still in rescue learning to be dogs. In this era of "designer dogs" the mills are breeding fewer Cockers. That is a blessing. Our next challenge faced was when we were contacted about the plight of a legitimate breeder who had fallen on hard times and could no longer feed or care for her Cockers. At this time, we have taken 16 dogs and provided a donation of dog food. Currently, we still have 13 of the original 16. These are beautiful dogs who are outgoing and friendly. Of course, none walk on a leash or are housetrained. Again, we have our work cut out for us. These dogs along with heart worm positives and a couple of surgeries managed to fill our foster homes. Shorewood has never been one to bring in dogs one day and shove them out the door the next. We do not wish to place a dog unless we feel we know that dog.

It appears that the year is ending as it begun. In the last few days, we have worked with the Salvation Army rescuing a 14 year old dog who was living under a van and with a vet clinic by taking in a 6 year old stray who was nearly torn apart by 2 large dogs.

We have never been a rescue that begs for money on the internet, but we sure will beg for foster homes. Please consider fostering. It can be a very rewarding experience.

Have a happy and healthy holiday. We hope to see everyone at the 11th Wigglebutt Walk on September 13, 2014.

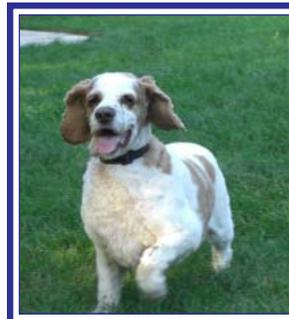
There's No Place Like Home For The Holidays



Buster

Buster is an adorable 11 1/2 year old buff male. He is a happy go lucky boy with a wonderful disposition who seems to think he still 5. Buster, being young at heart, does get into things. He is especially fond of tissue and paper towels and he is a champion at counter surfing. His foster mom learned quickly not to leave anything out anywhere. Buster is

a very gentle and friendly boy. He loves people and gets along very well with other dogs. He is house and crate trained. Buster walks nicely on a leash and loves taking walks. He is well mannered at the groomers. His foster mom says, "Buster is a very sweet boy and a joy to have around. He will make a wonderful companion." Could your home be that patient, loving home that Buster deserves? A holiday homecoming would definitely make this senior's wishes come true.



Barkley

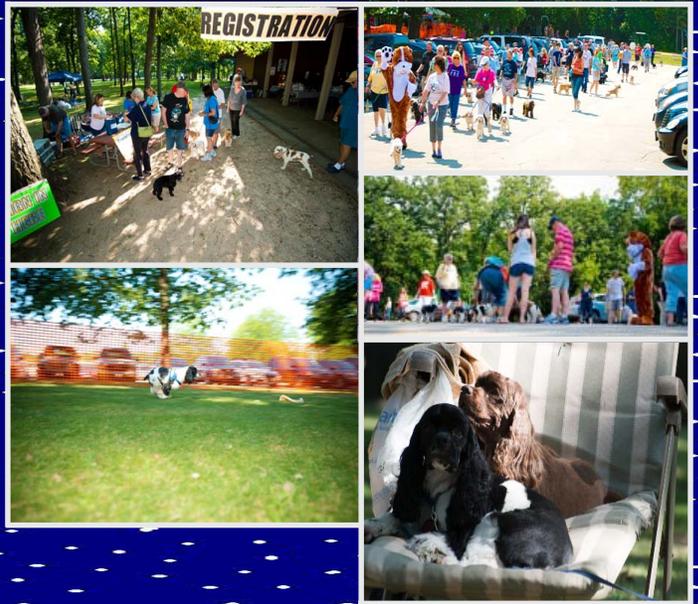
Barkley is a 7 year old, red and white, larger male cocker. He was surrendered by his previous owner (who loved him dearly) due to her own health issues. Barkley is housebroken and crate trained. Although, he's only in the crate to sleep at night and when his foster family is gone for a long time. He barks or goes to the back door when he needs to go outside. He

is extremely friendly and active and likes being outdoors. Barkley likes going on walks and pulls a bit on the leash, but settles down quickly. He doesn't play much with toys but loves to be with his people. Barkley does not chew on things, but does like to pick up his foster families shoes and drop them in the kitchen. He is well mannered with guests. "This great guy will be a wonderful companion", says Barkley's foster mom. Such a good boy deserves a home for the holidays. Is that home yours?

Wigglebutt Walk 2013

It's a beautiful day!

Don't let it slip away.



You found a friend.

You lent a hand.



It was a beautiful day!

Sky falls!



Till next year!



BARKING! How to redirect your dog.

There are many different reasons that dogs bark. "Hey! There's a dog outside, don't you see it?" "Hey! There's a leaf blowing in the wind!" "Hey! Give me that tennis ball!!!" Since there are different reasons why dogs bark, there are also different ways to stop or prevent it.

If your dog is barking at you, he is probably doing it for attention (give me that treat, pet me, feed me, etc.). The simplest way to stop your dog from "demand" barking is to simply ignore him. It is the most effective way, but also the hardest way for us humans! When our dogs bark, we want to immediately bark back - Quiet! Enough! No bark! However, when we bark back at our dogs, we are giving them attention. Even though it is negative attention, it is still attention. Ignoring them when they bark will help stop or reduce the barking, Turn your head away. Cross your arms. Look up towards the ceiling. Don't say a word. When your dog has been quiet for a moment, look back down at him and calmly praise him. If he continues to bark, keep your arms folded, head up and just walk away and ignore him for a minute or two. Depriving our dogs of attention is sometimes the worst punishment!

When your dog is barking at something other than you (a dog outside, someone at the door, barking because he's bored), there are other things we can do. I have 4 dogs and personally, I like it when they bark at something strange outside or someone at the door. However, when I have told them that their job is done, they should stop barking. It didn't happen overnight though! When your dog is barking at someone outside, it is difficult to simply tell them to stop barking. They will think, okay, but that squirrel is still out there! Give them your command (enough, quiet, etc.) and then immediately show them something else to do. Redirect their behavior to something that is appropriate.

When your dog barks at something out the window, tell him, "Enough" and then call or lure him away from what he is barking at. You can use a treat or favorite toy to lure your dog. Go all the way up to him, show him the treat, and guide him away from what he's barking at. Encourage your dog while you are luring him away "This way, good boy, good dog". Once he is focused on you, ask him for a simple "sit" and then give him the treat. This way your dog understands He gets rewarded for coming to you and sitting. We don't want our dogs to think they bark at the window and then get a treat. That is where the "sit" comes in to play. It's quick and simple and shows your dog he is getting rewarded for doing something you ask him to do. If you call your dog away from the window when you across the room this may not work.

Example - Your dog barks out the window. You call him from across the room. He doesn't come. Your dog has just learned that when you call him he doesn't need to come! But, if you go all the way up to your dog and call him once you are right next to him, you are also establishing a reliable recall and a dog that listens to you the first time you ask him to do something! By conditioning your dog to come to you (luring him towards you, away from the window) when he sees something outside you will gradually have a dog that gives an alert bark, waits for your command and then comes to you and sits. Nice dog!

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- I am interested in becoming a foster parent.
- I am interested in helping transport.
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Please mail your donation to:
Donna Pffingsten, Shorewood Cocker Rescue
1100 Erie Street, Janesville, WI 53545

Your generous donation will help us provide care for homeless Cockers.



Barkley

Shorewood Cocker Rescue Yahoo List



Join the Shorewood Cocker Rescue List 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 your request to: Elaine at ebaumann2@charter.net.

Foster Homes Needed!

Foster homes continue to be one of Shorewood's greatest needs and we are seeking new homes in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. We are committed to placing our cockers in foster homes so that we may assess them and work with them in areas where they need help. Our foster program is the key component to successful adoptions and our ability to rescue more dogs. Please, consider opening your home to a rescue dog and fostering. If you are interested in becoming a foster home please contact ebaumann2@charter.net. Many happy wiggles will be your reward.



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The mission of Shorewood Cocker Rescue, Inc. is to assist homeless Cocker find permanent homes with responsible, loving families. We spay or neuter all Cocker 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.

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Happy Holidays!