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CHARLOTTE COCKER RESCUE OF NC, INC.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

All of Charlotte Cocker Rescue volunteers and the animals would like to thank everyone for helping us to continue the work we are doing. As you will notice we have been very busy this year. As of July 5th we have rescued 57 dogs and have had many opportunities to raise funds and we received some great gifts. Thanks to the Wallace Racing Team and Toyota, we received a donation in the amount of \$2,500 from the Beaumobile. The Greg Biffle Foundation gave us a grant for \$3,400, Unifi raised over \$1,600 for us in January and we received almost \$4,000 from the Belk Charity Sale (see p. 2) in April. Many thanks go to our dedicated volunteers mentioned in various paragraphs throughout this newsletter.

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However, this year has also brought CCR almost to the point of having to close our doors. Medical bills this year have topped way more than in any past year as we have rescued dogs whose individual vet bills reached several thousand dollars due to abuse and neglect they experienced prior to coming into rescue. As of July 1 \$36,971.81 was spent on medical needs and grooming. This amount did not include food and other rescue expenses.

We have been forced to turn away many abused and neglected cockers for lack of funds and lack of space. Our greatest dream is to have some acreage on which to build a larger facility for the animals. If someone out there is willing to donate some property to CCR in order to help us carry out our mission, we would count it a blessing.

We have many older, male dogs at present who are ready and waiting to be adopted. Won't you become one of our adopters and make one of our sweet babies a part of your family? Many people think that dogs are fine living out their lives in rescue; and while they are safe from death, that is not the answer. Every dog needs a home and love in his/her life. Prejudices and stereotypes are hindrances to some of our dogs being adopted. Please put aside the thoughts that because they are males, or have age on them they are less than desirable as companions. Middle age does not mean death in the next few years. We rescued our Charlie in 2001 and his age was estimated to be anywhere between 4-7 years which makes him somewhere between 15-17 today. He has brought us so much love and happiness and is an example of love and devotion for many years.

Featured Pets 3

- Rusty
- Coco
- Wilson

Since our last newsletter the following dogs have been placed or adopted: Gem—Solutions for Animals; Ruby—Booth family of NC; Trixie—Brown family of NC; Princess—MD Cocker; Cooper—CSAC Md; Libby—Oldies But Goodies; Baby J—NY Angels Cocker Rescue; Pippy—Bailey family of SC; Breanna—Loggans family of NC; Chief—Bell family of NC; Sky—CSAC; 4 Pit Bulls rescued by us & sent to Pit Rescue in PA; Donovan—Klosiewicz family of TN; Barney & Wiggles—Hill family of NC; Tim & Mcgraw—Springsteen family of NC; Skittles—Wallace family of NC; Diamond—Reitz family of VA; Beau—Witalison family of NC; Sunshine—Leotina family of PA; Abigail—Clinard family of NC; Janet—Hayes family of SC; Noah 2—Blackwell family of VA; Trixie 2—Camelon family of NC; Fluffy—Wall family of NC; Daisy 2—Torres family of SC.

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POOCH BISCUITS

2 cups cooked elbow macaroni

3 eggs

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 Tbsp cod liver or fish oil

2/3 cup water

1/4 cup vegetable oil

2 to 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour

1/3 cup powdered milk

1 to 2 tsp brewer's yeast

Combine macaroni, eggs and garlic in blender. Process until well chopped. Add cod liver oil, water and vegetable oil, (cont'd next column)

Our adoption process begins with a completed application, which for Microsoft Word users can be downloaded from our Petfinder home page and returned to us by email. Or you may request an application by emailing larrydonna-carp@aol.com. Our adoption fee of \$300 ensures the dog you adopt has had its altering, medical, vaccination, and grooming needs completed, which reduces the likelihood of additional costs to you immediately after adoption. All medical records will be provided at the time of adoption. You can now sponsor any of our dogs quickly and easily by making a donation through PayPal with or without a PayPal account. CCR is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that relies on private donations and adoption fees to support our rescue efforts. Donations are tax deductible.

blending until smooth. Blend 1 cup flour with powdered milk and yeast. Stir in macaroni mixture, blending only until all ingredients are moist. Turn out onto a floured surface. Knead in enough of remaining flour to make a smooth dough. Roll out to about 1/2" thickness. Cut into lengths & widths suitable for your dog. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Lower temperature to 350 and cook 30 minutes longer. Turn biscuits over and continue cooking until desired hardness is reached. Yields: 4 to 6 dozen biscuits, depending on size. (From Cooking for Cockers, p. 94)

All costs involved in the publication & mailing of this newsletter are paid for by volunteers. 100% of your donation goes to the care of the dogs in Charlotte Cocker Rescue.

IS YOUR COCKER A PIN UP? For a \$100 donation you can buy a page and have your "baby" featured in our 2012 CCR calendar. Time is running out and there are only 10 spots left. Please contact Donna asap in order to arrange for your furry friend's picture to appear on his/her birthday or adoption month. She will give you specifics on the details of the photos (resolution, size, etc.) that you need to submit. Photos need to be in no later than August 15, so hurry and contact her in order to secure a page. (Larrydonnacarp@aol.com).

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Cut below & return with donation in enclosed envelope

Yes, I Want To Help Support Charlotte Cocker Rescue of NC

I will pledge the following monthly:

___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other \$ ___

I cannot pledge monthly, but enclosed is my gift of:

___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other \$ ___

I would like to sponsor _____ whose story I read in PAWS PRINTS or on Petfinder.com.

I am interested in volunteering with CCR ___. Please contact me at _____.

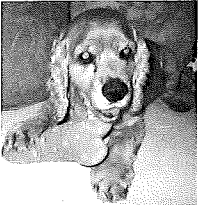
Enclosed is my tax deductible gift to help CCR _____

(name)

(address)

Featured Pets

Please consider adopting one of these precious boys into your family. Each one suffered abuse and neglect before coming into rescue. If you can't adopt, will you become a "monthly angel" to help pay for medication to allow him to live a healthy and happy life until he finds his forever home and family?



My name is **Rusty** (after the color of my fur). My first owners were unkind to me and sent me to death row. My second owner kept me out-

side and eventually sent me back to the same shelter to die. CCR rescued me 4 years ago and taught me proper behavior and manners. I have come a long way since my early days when my rescue thought I would have to be put down. I do have a heart problem, but 2 medicines keep it under control. My passion is tennis balls and playing with toys. I love all people, even my groomers! That's progress, if you ask me!



My name is **Coco**. Can you guess why? That wasn't very hard, was it? My owners did not take care of me

and the shelter that took me from them spent 3 days getting rid of my matted fur. I was sick with kennel cough & pneumonia and almost died, but CCR came for me in the shelter and they have taken wonderful care of me. They spent over \$2,000 getting me well. My only issue now is that I hate the drops for my dry eye! I like to play "catch me if you can." I am 5 years old and really want a home of my own. Will you adopt me?



I am **Wilson** and I am 5 yrs. old. I came to rescue as a puppy. I was timid, but very sweet and was soon adopted. After a time and for some reason, my family returned me to

CCR. Apparently, I was mistreated during my time with my family for when I returned to CCR I was so emotionally "messed up" and behaved so badly that I have to take a calming medicine that takes the edge off. So now CCR can't place me and I will have to live in rescue for life unless a special family adopts me. Will you become my "monthly angel" and help CCR financially with my meds?

Happy Tails



Grumpy came to CCR in December of 2009 at the age of 3 months. He was scheduled to die at the shelter and could only come to a rescue. His "mom", Pam Chitwood, says: "Grumpy, or Gus, as we now call him, is a productive member of our family; not the feral little pup we picked up so many

months ago. We love him so much and can't imagine life without him. I can't believe anyone would describe a 4 month old puppy as unadoptable and charge him with death. Thank you for saving his life and bringing him into ours. Our 5 year old, Livey, loves her doggie. He has been known to leave her room wearing sunglasses, hats or a bow. She says boys can wear bows. He loves getting all the attention and sits patiently as he gets his makeovers. We love our little man."

Although CCR is breed specific for cocker spaniels, due to special circumstances we sometimes rescue other breeds. Such a dog was Chief. Donna could not bear to leave him in the shelter when she was there picking up a cocker, so she rescued Chief, a schnauzer, as an "honorary cocker." Known now as Charlie, his mom, Bronwyn Bell writes: "He is eating like a champ...favors "call of the wild" venison dog food. He sleeps 8 hours a night (preferably on our bed). Quite the adventurer, he loves to ride in the car (front seat of course). He has been hiking in the mountains, boated & canoed on the water, and according to our vet, is healthy as a horse. He has such a nice disposition and everyone seems to love him so much that we are thinking of training him as a Therapy Dog. Thanks for rescuing him and being such great foster parents!" (picture of Charlie (Chief) not available.)

Rainbow Bridge



Samantha
Perry
10/16/2000-
7/9/2011



Parker
Savell
June 2011



Katie
Bright
February 2011



Rusty
Burrus
5/26/99-
4/17/10



Samson
Carpenter
1999-
3/10/11



Boomer
Carpenter
12/15/95-
03/26/11



Whirlie
Webb
April 1996
03/25/11

Goal Exceeded for Belk Charity Day Sale

The BIGGEST THANK YOU that is possible goes to our wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to help us far exceed our goal of \$1,500 from the April 16 Belk Charity Sale! The final amount received was \$3,934.55. These funds (along with donations) allowed us to help 22 dogs in April. In addition to heart worm treatments and several cherry eye surgeries, we were able to get Bandit's leg surgery done, Diamond's final heart work up and Rusty's heart echo done.

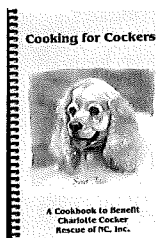
Thanks go to the following persons who volunteered by either selling tickets on their own or during time blocks at one of the 9 Belk stores at which CCR was registered (or both): Donna Carpenter, Larry Carpenter, John Ahrens, Beth Webb, Kenn Webb, Carmen Maddrey, Mike Hooks, June Hooks, Terri Cunningham, Jennifer Sweete, Jennifer Canzonieri, John Canzonieri, Sue Weaver, Jim Ballard, Joanne Ballard, Martha Tilley, Stefanie Clewley, Christine Gordon, Kaylin Gordon. Approximately 165 hours (which included 40 hours during the actual sale on April 16) were worked by these volunteers during the time blocks 2 weeks preceding the sale.

The breakdown of funds is: \$2,030 received from ticket sales prior to sale day; \$1,755.11 received from the "pots" of 9 Belk stores; \$88 from the sale of miscellaneous items; \$61.44 from donations.

The amount received from the store "pots" is fantastic, considering that every store was either under tornado watch or severe storm watch during sale hours or it was pouring rain. The stores at which CCR was registered are: Northlake Mall (Charlotte), Carolina Mall (Concord), Salisbury Mall, Friendly Center (Greensboro); Burlington Mall, Southpark (Charlotte); Carolina Place (Pineville); Valley View (Roanoke); Mooresville.

Again, much appreciation to every one and lots of "wet kisses" & "waggin tails" from the cocker kids. **The next Charity Sale is November 5. Will you volunteer to help us meet our goal of \$4,000 either by selling tickets or working at a store on November 5th? E-mail Joanne Ballard at Joannebal@yahoo.com or call her at (704) 921-9199 if you are willing to help.**

Cooking for Cockers



The first cookbook to benefit CCR is now available for \$15 which includes S&H. If you haven't already purchased your copy, please contact Donna or any of our volunteers. These make great gifts for family and friends. Beth & Kenn Webb put in many hours compiling and getting the cookbook ready for publication. Thanks Beth & Kenn for a job well done!!! Look on p. 4 of this newsletter for a recipe for POOCH BIS-

CUITS and enjoy making a special treat for your dogs.

Appreciation

Thanks to all of our supporters who purchased AUTO BELL CAR WASH TICKETS during April & May. 180 tickets were sold and CCR was able to keep 1/2 of the proceeds for a total of \$1,350. A great big "thank you" also to the following families who purchased 20 lb. bags of PEDIGREE DOG FOOD during Harris Teeter's recent "buy one get one free sale." Buttermore, Hudson, Ballard, Weaver, Clewley, Hooks, Brown, Bumgarner, Lowrimore. Approximately 40 bags were donated. Harris Teeter runs a sale like this periodically. Please be on the lookout for the next one.

Special Needs

MONETARY DONATIONS:

Dry eye medicine \$42-\$45 per mo. each for: Landon, Sweetie,

Coco (the chocolate cocker), Freckles, Moe, Carly, Shadow

Heart medicines for: Landon, Cupcake, Rusty

Medicines for Cocoa's (the corgi) kidneys and hips, also special food for her

Special CD food for Rose, Sophie & Mary Jo

Special ID food for Lucky

DOGS AWAITING MEDICAL TREATMENT: Lucky Bob & Winston, heartworm treatment; Boo, heart echo; Butch, cherry eye repair; Bandit, leg surgery on the other leg; Carly, visit to eye specialist to see if cataract surgery is an option.

FOSTER HOMES are desperately needed for our dogs that are awaiting adoption and who individually need love and attention beyond what we can give them in residential rescue. If you can't adopt, please consider fostering one of our dogs until a home is found for him/her.

SUPPORTERS to commit to making a regular monthly contribution or become a "monthly angel" for a dog's medicines.

VOLUNTEERS to help with fundraising and other opportunities to assist the rescue.

DONATION WISH LIST: Pedigree Adult Formula with teal color on bag; paper towels; Walmart bath towels (\$2.77); Frontline Plus 89-132 (we measure it out); Heart Guard; Tri-heart 26-50; Gas cards (The director makes numerous trips transporting dogs and usually burns 1 1/2 tanks of gas per week. At \$80-\$85 per fill up, gas cards would be a blessing.)