Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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SPRING FUND DRIVE

This Spring, Help Love Blossom. Adopt. Donate. Volunteer.

Dear Friends,

Spring has arrived, temperatures are warming up (we hope!) and love is in the air, including the love we all have for our four-legged companions. Perhaps you are taking your dog for some extra walks now that the snow has melted or you are planning a pup-friendly vacation. Did you treat your dog to a day at the beauty parlor getting his or her spring haircut? Maybe you decided to buy a new collar or pretty spring bandana to show the world how much you love to pamper your dog. Each person's life and experience with their dogs is unique, but I would bet for each of you finding ways to bond with your dogs, enjoy time spent with them and showing them your love is as instinctive and natural as getting up every day and brushing your teeth.

Sadly, not all dogs are loved as much as the dogs owned by OBG supporters (or do your dogs own you? I'm not always sure which way it goes in my house!) Consider the following statistics from the ASPCA:

- Approximately **7.6 million** companion animals enter shelters nationwide every year and of those, approximately **3.9 million** are dogs.
- Each year, approximately **1.2 million** dogs are euthanized.
- About twice as many animals enter shelters as strays compared to the number that are relinquished by their owners. These are dogs that either got lost or were dumped because their owners didn't even care enough to take them to the shelter and give them a fighting chance.

I could not find any overall statistics of the number of dogs saved by rescues such as OBG (we saved just over 250 dogs last year and already 65 so far this year), but I do know that thanks to the grass roots efforts of rescuers all over the country, thousands, if not millions, of dogs are saved each year. OBG cannot save them all, but I am thankful OBG is here to do its part to help reduce the number of homeless dogs killed each year. This could not happen without help from all of YOU.

It takes a lot to keep OBG running smoothly every day. We need volunteers, fosters, adopters and of course, money. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation this spring so OBG can help dogs like **Cecelia**, **Brittany**, **Bart** and **Sandman.**

Cecelia (pictured) is a senior spaniel mix that was found as a stray in rural Virginia. When the shelter first contacted us, they told us she might have some health issues, but they could not afford to get her the needed tests. The shelter staff fell in love with Cecelia and decided they would do whatever they could to get her into a rescue so she would not be euthanized. They worked together to

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raise money for Cecilia to see a vet and receive a test for Cushing's disease. Unfortunately, the test was positive.

The decision whether or not to accept Cecelia for intake was not an easy one. We knew it would be a challenge to find a foster home for Cecelia because she will need a foster who can give her frequent access to the outside as Cushing's dogs typically need to urinate frequently. We also know she will be an expensive dog since her medications could easily run between $100 and $200 a month.

Even knowing all that, we kept thinking about how the staff at the shelter used their hard earned money to try and help Cecelia and how much they loved this little sweetie. We decided we wanted to give Cecelia a chance at life and accepted her for intake. Unfortunately, soon after she arrived, we learned that she might have additional health issues, some of which might be serious. At press time, we were waiting for additional tests to be performed, including an ultrasound.

We are now looking for donations for Cecelia's care as her initial vetting will cost over a thousand dollars. We are also seeking a sponsor for Cecelia's ongoing costs of medication. If you are interested in learning more about what it means to sponsor a dog, please email me. And as of press time, we are still looking for a foster home for sweet Cecelia.

In the case of Cecelia, we knew we were taking on a

costly dog, but there are many times with intake that a dog is supposedly healthy, but we learn of expensive medical issues after the dog arrives at OBG. Take the case of seven-year-old **Sandman**. Soon after he came to OBG (left), we noticed he was limping. After taking Sandman to a specialist, we learned he is going to have to have a toe amputated. The good news is he should make a full recovery. The bad news is the surgery will cost thousands of dollars.

Sandman is not the only dog that came to OBG recently with surprise health issues. **Brittany** is currently seeing an ear specialist and may end up having ear ablation surgery. **Bart** will need cataract surgery. Both of those surgeries will cost OBG thousands of dollars.

Can you help OBG help Sandman, Brittany, Bart and other dogs that we save by making your tax-deductible donation now?

In closing, I want to thank all of you for everything you do for the dogs. If you didn't volunteer or foster or adopt or donate, OBG would fold and hundreds more dogs would die each year. Together, we can all make a difference in the lives of homeless animals.

Your Friend In Rescue,

Teresa

Teresa Butler
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Pupdates!

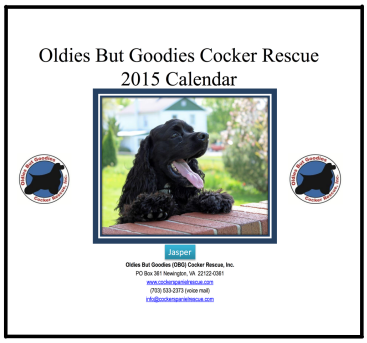
Since my December President's Letter, five of the six dogs I highlighted – **Cassie**, **Dexter**, **Popcorn**, **Benji**, and **Timber** – have all been adopted! Thanks to YOUR donations, these pups received much needed medical care and got adopted! Cassie and Dexter both had double ear ablation surgery and now have wonderful forever homes. Popcorn, Benji and Timber successfully beat their heartworms and landed in fabulous homes. Benji is now a Red Sox fan and Popcorn (pictured) recently graduated from obedience training!

Only sweet **Holiday** is still looking for a forever home. He has recovered from his injuries but has been diagnosed with diabetes. His meds are under control and he is a wonderful companion. Check out our Dogs Available page (under the Adopt tab) to see his bio. Help us find Holiday a forever home.

Check out OBG's Dogs Adopted in 2015 Pinterest Board for more Happy Tails!

OBG's Annual "Sweetest Things" Calendar Photo Contest!

This will be our 14th year producing the OBG Calendar and it's very special because it's OBG's 20th Anniversary (1996-2016). To enter your dog in the contest, send us a picture(s) of your favorite pup(s) (cockers and honorary cockers) by June 15th. The winners will be featured in the calendar, and one lucky winner (such as 2015's Jasper) will also be the cover dog! Enter as many pictures as you wish for just $15 per picture. Either digital pictures (at least 250kb in size) or photo paper quality color 3x5 or 4x6 pictures are acceptable. Please only send pictures of dogs – no humans. We are also including names and captions under each dog, so please include a cute story or note along with your entry. Also, now through June 15th, you can pre-order your 2016 calendar(s) at the 2015 price ($15). The 2016 calendar price will be $20!



Entries Due No Later Than June 15th!

Also, for any donation amount you can:

- Commemorate your pup's birthday, adoption, or anniversary. We'll mark our calendar with his or her special day.
- Memorialize a dog that was part of your family. Send us your commemoration and we'll place it in the header of one of the monthly pages.

To enter:

Visit our website: *www.cockerspanielrescue.com* to submit electronically, or fill in the form below - please add an additional sheet for more entries:

Your Name: _____

Email: _____**Phone:** _____

For Each Picture Entered:

Dog's Name: _____

Caption: _____

Dedication: _____

In Memory: _____

Send Entries, Photos and Checks to:

OBG Cocker Rescue
PO Box 30821
Bethesda, MD
20824

To submit electronically, go to:
www.cockerspanielrescue.com and look for the Calendar Contest Link

Send Digital Photos to:
calendar@cockerspanielrescue.com

Questions? Email us at:
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Make Checks ($15 per photo or any amount for dedication, commemoration, etc.) payable to:

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Pre-Order the 2016 Calendar for $15 ($20 after June 15th)

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In Memoriam...

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

OBG Alumni and Friends:

Sassy Allen
Nick Baldwin
Hunter Butler
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Please Let Us Know
If you would like us to include your beloved OBG alum or friend in our "In Memoriam" list, send an email to: *info@cockerspanielrescue.com.*

Your alum or friend will also be included on the *OBG Wall of Angels* on the OBG Blog: *obgcockerconnection.blogspot.com.*

Yes, I want to support Oldies But Goodies!

Enclosed is my gift of:

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Giving For Tomorrow (GiFT)

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 can 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.

☐ I want to volunteer. Please contact me.

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