

# C<sup>o</sup>cker Connection

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a semi-annual publication of  
Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue  
a non-profit organization serving the Mid-Atlantic region

## WHO RESCUED WHOM?

### message from the president

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Recently, I fostered a lovely little cocker spaniel girl whose adoption moved me to tears of happiness because of the joy she brought to the adopter. She was adopted by a retired woman who now lives in a basement apartment in her daughter and son-in-law's home. Her adopted "mom" had lost her last cocker spaniel to illness after spending her entire nest egg trying to save her dog's life. One comment in particular that she made to me really touched me. She said that she would have eaten toast every meal for the rest of her life if that meant being able to save her dog's life. Sadly, there are times that money and proper medical care isn't enough. This was one of those cases and unfortunately, her dog died. Like so many people, it was difficult for her to think of moving forward and adopting another dog after losing her beloved companion. At the same time she knew how much she missed having the unconditional love and companionship another dog would bring to her life. Her daughter told me that she could still see the sadness in her mother's eyes months after her last dog's death and that her mother really needed another dog in her life.

When this wonderful woman met my foster, she immediately knew that this was the dog for her. When I did the homecheck, I was amazed at how quickly the two bonded with each other. It was as if my foster dog was telling me that this was where she was meant to be. When I was driving home after the homecheck, I was struck by just how happy I felt to have been able to play a part in this adoption, especially knowing how much happiness my foster dog was going to bring to the life of her senior adopter. It was at

that moment that I thought of the theme for this newsletter: **Who Rescued Whom?**

We all know that the mission of our rescue group is to save the lives of hundreds of dogs each year. We bring them into our rescue group, get them the medical care that they need, provide love and training and find them loving forever homes. During that time, our focus is on the dogs themselves; however, rescue is about so much more than saving the lives of these dogs. Rescue is about the way that these dogs continue to give back to the people in their lives and often times to their communities for many years after they are adopted.

There have been many studies done on the positive benefits found from pet ownership. Studies have shown that even very short interactions with an animal can significantly reduce a patient's anxiety and fear before a serious medical procedure. Pets can help people to lower their blood pressure and help people shed unwanted pounds by walking with their dogs. People with pets benefit from more social contact, lower anxiety and better quality of life. Some studies have suggested that children with pets have higher self-esteem and lower levels of fear than kids from pet-free homes.

Of course, everyone reading this e-mail probably already knows the benefits of pet ownership without reading the studies found on the Internet. I'm sure many of you have wonderful memories of how the dogs and other animals have added to the quality of your own life. Think about what it means to come home from a long day at work and to be greeted by a wagging tail, wet sloppy kisses and a love so pure that you can't help but smile and feel comforted, no matter how difficult the day has been. It doesn't get much better

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## COME SEE US...

Here's where we will be in the upcoming weeks. Stop by and say "hello!" We love to see our alumni. Visit our website for times, addresses and directions. *Note:* Adoption events run from 11am-2pm unless otherwise noted.

- Apr 14** Petsmart adoption show, 9041 Snowden Rd, Columbia
- Apr 21** 10am-4pm, Adoption show, Canine Country Jamboree, Canine Country Club, 22025 Evergreen Mills Rd, Leesburg
- Apr 28** Petsmart adoption show, 6535 Frontier Dr, Springfield
- Apr 28** Petsmart adoption show, 5154 Nicholson Ln, Rockville
- Apr 28** Petsmart adoption show, 3413 Virginia Beach Blvd, Va Beach
- Apr 29** MCHS Paws in the Park, Wheaton Regional Park, Kensington
- May 5** 10am-4pm Reston Pet Fiesta, Reston Town Center
- May 5** Petsmart adoption show, 3351 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Alexandria
- May 6** Petsmart adoption show, 2601 Housley Rd, Annapolis
- May 19** Adoption show, Barkley Square Dog Bakery, Old Town Alexandria
- May 19** Petsmart adoption show, 4900 Monticello Ave, Williamsburg
- May 20** Howard County Pet Expo, Schooley Mill Park (off rt 108), Highland, MD tn Howard County
- May 26** Petsmart adoption show, 5154 Nicholson Ln, Rockville
- May 26** Petsmart adoption show, 6535 Frontier Dr, Springfield
- June 2** Petsmart adoption show, 3351 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Alexandria

## Donation Form

**Yes!** I want to help the cocker spaniels financially! (OBG is tax deductible!) Your donation will enable us to save even more homeless animals. Your tax-deductible contributions will help provide veterinary care, food and a home to a defenseless animal.

\$20  \$50  \$100  \$200  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to OBG.

Fill out form and return to Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue • P.O. Box 361 • Newington, VA 22122-0361

Enclosed is my donation Please apply it to:

- Sammy's Fund for dogs with extreme medical needs  
 OBG Wish List  
 Charlotte Fund (for heartworm treatment of foster dogs)  
 OBG kenneling fund (for dogs awaiting a foster spot)  
 Donation in honor of or in memory of (circle one) a loved one: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsorship of a specific dog: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to volunteer. Please contact me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Note: We are able to accept donations via credit card on our website: <www.cockerspanielrescue.com> Make a one time donation or make an automatic monthly donation to the cockers!

Thank you for helping those who are unable to help themselves

~ Calling All Cockers ~

## OBG SPRING FLING FUNDRAISER

Please join us for a fun filled day at a lovely shaded, off leash dog park.

All breeds welcome!

Tentatively Scheduled for Sunday, June 3, 2007

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Shirlington Dog Park • Arlington, Va.

(directions on website)

\$20 per person in advance  
 \$25 at the gate  
 Children under 12 free

Price includes entry into two contests per dog, take-away goodies & access to a food vendor of which OBG gets 5% of the proceeds.

For additional information please contact Jane Avila (703) 597-6910 or visit our website at [www.cockerspanielrescue.com](http://www.cockerspanielrescue.com).

Check our website after April 15th for the confirmed date.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## It's A COMPETITION!!!!!!

### Could Your Cocker Win a Place in the OBG 2008 "The Sweetest Things" Calendar????

For the last six years, OBG has produced a calendar as a fundraising activity with pictures of our furry friends as the main attraction. It has been a huge success each year, so, for 2008, we're going to do it all again.

Send us a picture(s) of your favorite cocker and enter our contest to see which photos portray "The Sweetest Things". The winners of the competition will be displayed in the calendar. Enter as many pictures as you wish—\$10 per picture. Either digital pictures or photo paper quality color (3x5" or 4x6" pictures only please). We'd prefer pictures of just dogs—no humans. We'd love to hear the details about the pet in the picture, so send along a note. ENTRIES DUE 1 June 2007.

**Not a photographer but you'd still like to be part of our calendar?** Buy an entry in our calendar to commemorate your cocker's birthday, adoption, or anniversary. We'll mark (sorry, just a little dog humor) our calendar with your cocker's special day.

**Would you like to memorialize a cocker that was part of your family?** Send us your pet's names and we'll include your commemoration in a special "In Memory" section of our calendar.

**Is there a special person in your pet's life you'd like to thank in a special way?** We'll add it to the "Doggie Dedication" section of the calendar. (Dedications should be 50 words or less).

\_\_\_\_\_ Please enter us in OBG's photo competition (\$10 entry fee per photo—all entries due 1 June)

Dog name \_\_\_\_\_ Contributor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Calendar Commemoration:

Examples:	<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Annotation</u>
	January	26	Dutch's Adoption Day
	December	17	Mea's Birthday
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

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### Send entries, checks & photos to:

OBG Cocker Rescue Calendar Contest  
 P.O. Box 1028 • Newington, VA 22122

Send DIGITAL photos to: [obgcalendar@hotmail.com](mailto:obgcalendar@hotmail.com)

### In Loving Memory:

Dog's name \_\_\_\_\_ Inscription \_\_\_\_\_

### Doggie Dedications:

Example: "Dear Dr. Kuntz: Thanks for operating on my knees - they can bend again! Now I can run like the wind (sometimes I still hop just because its fun). Love, Phoebe"

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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than that, does it? Take your dog for a walk and you are sure to meet many dog lovers along the way. Many friendships are formed among people who meet at dog parks, obedience classes, agility training, doggy happy hours and of course, volunteering with a rescue group.

The articles in this newsletter spotlight just a few of OBG's wonderful alumni who have been busy "rescuing" others—including help they give to both children and senior citizens. Some of OBG's alumni have benefited other animals and others have helped their owners learn some wonderful life lessons. Finally, I hope you enjoy the article about OBG alumni whose original owners have found them after thinking they were lost forever. This is just one more way that our rescue group benefits not only the dogs in the community, but also the people.

Unfortunately, rescue works comes with a price and that price keeps going up. Please take a minute to read "The High Cost of Rescue" to learn why OBG finds it necessary to raise its adoption fee effective June 1, 2007. Lastly, please remember that donations from our supporters and volunteer hours really are the backbone of our rescue. There would be no OBG rescue without both. And without OBG, how would our dogs complete their own rescue missions?

Wishing you a life filled with wags and kisses,

*Teresa Butler, OBG President*

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## GET YOUR CAR WASHED AND SAVE A SPANIEL!

OBG volunteers will be washing cars at the Springfield gas stations on Saturday June 16th and July 21st from 9am-1pm. All the proceeds will go directly to the care of our foster dogs (currently we have over 100 dogs in our foster system). Watch our

website and e-newsletter for details and exact locations.

## PAWS APPLAUSE

to Bill Anderson of "Artists Anderson" for all of his work on past OBG calendars.

Bill donates all of the layout and pre-production work. His generosity makes this fundraiser a success each year.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Foster dogs:

Chase, Rico, Whiskey, Scully, Ramsey

### Adopted friends and alumni:

Bianca Kidwell, Tyler Horton, Chip Terrell, JellaBella de Lizza, Neeko Ruttenberg, Luna Koizumi, Freeway Copeland, Tinker Pineau, Beethoven Rolfe, Maggie Miller



## LIFE LESSONS

I remember the day Bianca came to live with me as if it were yesterday. OBG's President, Teresa Butler, pulled up in her minivan and out came this tiny almost fur-less black little girl. Those words still ring in my head, "She is soooooo tiny", as I watched Teresa walk Bianca around the side of the house to introduce her to my boys, Oliver and Ritz. That meeting went so well that Bianca stayed with us as a foster dog.

Bianca's amazing spirit came through in a matter of days. She taught me so many lessons. First and foremost, she taught me you don't have to be perfect to be perfect. We took Bianca to several adoption shows prior to her knee surgery and everyone fell in love with her eyes and long eyelashes, but when we started explaining her medical issues (daily pills for her thyroid, upcoming surgery) they all backed off with a, "Well, good luck with that."

To us, BiancaBee was absolutely perfect. So she limped and people always gasped with a "what's wrong?", but nothing kept Bee from living life to the fullest. That's the second lesson she taught me. She overcame so many obstacles she faced, and without one complaint. Make that lesson three.

Lesson four was unconditional love. No matter if I was an hour or two late for dinner, or told her, "Not now Bee, let me finish this email" as she pawed me asking for attention. She still loved me for all my faults as a human.

I finally had a girl dog now, and I pampered her with pretty pink things. Lesson 5 was to be grateful. Maybe she remembered her old life or maybe she just saw the joy it gave me to put pretty bows in her ears, or pick out a matching collar and leash. I saw the gratefulness in her eyes.

So for me, it's easy to say who rescued whom. Bianca rescued me from living a life for tomorrow when I should be living for today. Recently, I lost my little girl to her battle with cancer, but the life lessons she taught me are lessons that I will carry with me forever, right beside her in my heart. And if I ever need a reminder, I know she will gently tap me on my shoulder and say, "Mama, just remember me."

*Kimberly Kidwell*

## DO YOU GET OUR MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER?

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[WWW.COCKERSPANIELRESCUE.COM](http://WWW.COCKERSPANIELRESCUE.COM)

## SUPPORT OBG — COMMISSION A PORTRAIT

One of our long-time supporters (and creator of the beautiful sketch depicted here) has offered to support OBG with her artwork.

For a \$50 donation to Oldies But Goodies, Christine Walters of Chesapeake, VA will generate pen and ink drawings of cockers (or other pets) from photographs.

For more information, or to commission a portrait, contact Christine directly at 757-482-9967.



## FOSTER DOG CHLOE GOES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



In February 2007, OBG foster dog Chloe had a very special day. Chloe's foster mom told her that she and her foster sister, Jesse, were going to be visiting some children and that they had a very important job to do. It was Chloe's and Jesse's job to teach the children in 7th grade Sunday School class at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, Maryland, all about OBG and animal rescue. Chloe was honored that she had been given this opportunity and couldn't wait to get to the Sunday School and visit.

The 7th graders are focusing on social justice issues this year, and they had already visited the Montgomery County animal shelter to learn how the shelter functions and what happens to the animals that end up at there. The class knew a lot about the Humane Society, but didn't realize that when a cocker isn't adopted quickly, the Humane Society often calls OBG "to rescue" that dog and find it a forever home.

The kids learned that from 5 to 12 million pets are euthanized each year in the United States because they don't have a home and that as many as 70,000 puppies and kittens are born each day! Chloe explained to the class how she was rescued by OBG and how she would not be alive today if it weren't for OBG. The class brainstormed about the reasons why people turn in an animal to a shelter, and they suggested ways they could help.

If you ask Chloe what the best part of the day was, it's hard for her to decide. She loved all the kids giving her attention. After all, she's always felt like she should be a star. Of course, the ride to and from the Sunday School was a lot of fun, too. In the end, she has decided that the absolutely best part of the day was the big bag of cookies she received from the class. Obviously, these children knew the way to a cocker spaniel's heart is through the stomach!

We at OBG hope that this Sunday School visit was the first of many opportunities to educate children about proper care of animals and to explain what rescue groups are all about. If you are interested in helping us with our new community outreach program, please email us at [Derne@aol.com](mailto:Derne@aol.com). We also want to hear from you if you are interested in having an OBG foster visit your local school or church.

*Editor's note:* Chloe is still looking for a forever home where she can be the star of someone's life every day. Please contact OBG if you are interested in learning more about Chloe.

## DONUTS TO DOLLARS

### Ramsey's Vet Bills: Paid Off with Money Left for Other OBG Dogs

We wanted to let you know what dedicated volunteers can accomplish. OBG held a donut sale at the Columbia Walmart on March 3rd for Ramsey's emergency vet bills. Peddling donuts netted OBG \$868.50, which will be matched by WalMart, for a total of \$1,737! We took pre-orders and pledges before the sale ever started on-site. Cocker Cosmo worked the crowds with his "Adopt Me" money vest on showing everyone how very special cocker spaniels are and raised over \$50 for the cause by just by being his sweet self.

In addition, Karen Decker, owner of P.U.P.S. Obedience Training, sent Ramsey's story out to students and supporters and we have been told that a number of donations are coming in directly to OBG on Ramsey's behalf from this mailing. Karen has also donated discount certificates for her training courses as well as certificates for a free 9-week session for OBG's use.

Kudos to everyone who stepped up to help work, delivered donuts, solicited advance orders from neighbors and friends, bought donuts, and/or made very generous donations. In addition, \$245.25 was raised at a Springfield adoption show for Ramsey.

Ramsey and his foster mom, Kathy, send their thanks and big cocker kisses (those would be from Ramsey!) to all.

*Cheryl Haralson*

**Editor's note:** *In the end, Ramsey lost his battle with cancer. However, this story is a testament to what can be accomplished when OBG volunteers pull together for a common goal.*

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Quote from OBG volunteer:

*"I picked up Sparky this morning from the [shelter]. I'm feeling a bit emotional at the moment, so please forgive me.*

*"I want to thank this group for what you do for the dogs. Without your efforts, this absolutely beautiful, sweet, loving little guy would, today, have had a needle stuck in his leg and he would have ceased; for no reason. He deserves so much more. The dogs are all special, but as I talked with him on the way home, it was just absolutely inconceivable to me that he was to be tossed away. He looked out the window, rested his chin on my arm, and gave me generous kisses. There was just something about him, I was reluctant to turn him over to Lynne for the rest of his journey. I am so gratified that I could play a part in his future." ... Judy*

## DELILAH TO THE RESCUE

**M**y name is Nicky and I was a “rescue dog” several years ago. Because life is so good now, I don’t think too much about the hard times which brought me to OBG; however, I will always recall two big events. One was when my adoptive “mommy” decided that I was that special pooch to share her life. She gives me love and belly rubs and walks and bones and all the good things that doggie dreams are made of.

The other special time was when another “rescue dog” named Delilah came into my life quite unexpectedly. Mommy brought her home one day and told me that Delilah would be part of the family. At first I was not sure that was such a good idea because it might interfere with my top dog status.



Okay, to be honest I brought along some anxieties from my former life and I was known to chew up shoes, ingest harnesses, tear pillows and indulge in some other “hobbies” that my Mommy didn’t care for too much. No amount of training, or games, or diversions could stop me. In fact, they had to pump my stomach a few times and I was on a first name basis at the emergency vets.

Would you believe that about one week of ‘Delilah therapy’ cured me of all that? Mommy had a spent a lot of money to rehabilitate me for almost two years when all I needed was the love of a four-legged friend! As they say, the best things in life are free at times. By the time all was said and done, Delilah was top dog and that was just the way I liked it!

Funny, my mommy said that we were rescuing Delilah who was already well into her senior years when fate brought her to us. And that is certainly true. But the real scoop is that my adopted sister saved me and completed the cycle of healing that began when a rescue group named OBG opened their arms (paws) to both of us.

*The Gill family*

**Editor’s Note:** Recently, the OBG Board decided to do a complete blood work-up on all mature and senior dogs (8 years old and up). The article below explains why the blood panel is recommended and what the vets are looking for when they review the results of the blood workups. This is just one more way that OBG is working to provide the very best veterinary care for foster dogs while they wait for their forever homes and to insure that adopters know as much about the health of the dogs they are adopting as can be medically determined.

## THE SENIOR BLOOD PANEL

**A**s your dog approaches his or her “senior” years, your veterinarian may recommend routine blood work. This is the same blood test that your doctor may run on you as a basic diagnostic tool. For our canine seniors, this blood test may also include an indication of thyroid function. The purpose of this blood test is to evaluate basic body functions that are reflected in the bloodstream. Problems, or potential problems, may be identified early in the disease process, and steps taken to counteract the progression. For example, early signs of kidney dysfunction may allow a timely diet change that spares the kidneys and holds off failure.

A senior blood test is known by a variety of names, but whatever the name, the same information is usually included. At our hospital, the most common senior blood panel is known as a “SuperChem/CBC/T4.” This test includes a specific list of chemistries, enzymes, and electrolytes, as well as a “complete blood count” which examines red and white blood cells and various other blood cell parameters. Since man and animals are made the same way and have the same organs, same structure, and similar physiology, your blood work may look startlingly like your dog’s! The normal ranges for each item measured may be different between species, however. For example, just as 98.6 represents a normal temperature in humans and 100-102 is normal for dogs, the normal ranges for kidney enzymes (BUN and CRT) might be slightly different between dogs and humans. But the kidneys are structured the same and function the same, and are evaluated similarly.

The blood panel will serve your vet in two ways: first, definitive numbers can indicate the health of an organ or body process. Secondly, the numbers may “hint” at another problem, and when combined with clinical history

and a good physical examination, this information may indicate that additional diagnostics need to be done to determine disease and health.

Here are some of the many parameters evaluated:

- **Glucose** (if this number is too high, your vet may ask for a urine sample and do additional tests)
- **BUN** (blood urea nitrogen) and **CRT** (creatinine) These enzymes reflect the health of the kidneys.
- Several **enzymes** and blood chemistries reflect the function of the liver and gall bladder.
- **Electrolytes** help evaluate necessary bodily processes that keep us chemically “balanced.”
- The **CBC** tells us about the red and white blood cells. For example, too few red cells and low hemoglobin tells us to look for causes of anemia. A high white count, especially of certain types of white cells, may tell us to look for infection; while another type of white cell in unusually high numbers may indicate that allergies or parasites are affecting the patient. Low platelet counts may indicate that we should look for a clotting problem.
- **T4** is a single parameter that tests thyroid function. In dogs, we often see hypothyroidism (too low levels of thyroxin). If a questionably low T4 is obtained on this routine blood panel, your vet may request a complete thyroid panel be done.

While this senior panel is a basic test and is one of the first steps in a thorough physical examination, do be aware that this blood test does not tell us everything that is going on the body. It rarely identifies that a tumor might be growing somewhere or that cancer may be present. It cannot identify a heart condition or a broken bone. Often, a CBC will not reflect a localized infection. For example, an ear infection or a bladder infection will probably not be reflected in the white blood count. On the other hand, an abnormal white cell count may, on occasion, reflect a dental infection. While the blood panel does throw up red flags, it is best used in conjunction with a physical examination and a thorough history. Because your pet cannot talk, and because your vet does not live with your pet, your description of your pet’s behavior and noticeable changes are critical in determining your dog’s health status and medical needs.

*Dr. Lemke, Companion Animal Hospital*

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: GENERAL LEE

**H**i, my name is General Lee Bryson. I'm a buff colored Cocker Spaniel, and I volunteer with the Fairfax County Pets on Wheels program. I usually have to take my human dad, Brian, with me when I go to visit our friends at the Mount Vernon Nursing and Rehab Center because I'm blind and don't drive the car very well.

My human mom, Karen, rescued me from the dog pound in Appomatox, Virginia about 4 years ago. I could still see then, with one eye, and Mom and Dad adopted me as soon as the nice people from the Oldies But Goodies Cocker Spaniel Rescue group gave me treatment for the heartworm that I had after being on my own for awhile.



I think I'm about 9 years old. After I lost my vision in my good eye to glaucoma almost three years ago, my Mom and Dad decided I needed the opportunity to get out and have something special to do, so we signed up for Pets on Wheels. Even though I don't do tricks or anything like that, I've always loved people, and now for more than two

years, we've been visiting our friends at MVNRC every week. Our friends there enjoy petting me, and I love it.

Dad figured he had time to do this with me since he had retired from a career with the Army Corps of Engineers. We live in Manassas, Virginia now, but lived in Alexandria when we started out with FPOW. We enjoy visiting our friends in MVNRC, so the extra time driving to see them is no problem, especially since I love riding in the car. Mom spends a lot of her spare time volunteering with Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue, so that's why I have several Cocker brothers and sisters at home.

*General Lee Bryson  
(ghost written by Brian Bryson)*

**Do you have one of our "Oldies But Goodies" (ages 8 and up) living in YOUR home? Send us your stories: Senior Spotlight, OBG Cocker Connection, PO Box 361, Newington, VA 22122**

## COCKER ANGEL, BRENDA EDLESON

**O**BG's Foster Coordinator, Brenda Edleson, is this issue's featured "cocker angel" and I can't think of anyone more deserving.

OBG generally has over 100 dogs in foster care. It is Brenda's job to find foster placements for each dog and move dogs to new foster spots if a foster home is not working out. She must counsel foster parents so that they can deal with issues ranging from housebreaking to behavioral training, plus keep track of all medical issues and coordinate medical procedures with the veterinarians. She works with the vets where dogs are boarded while they wait for foster homes, gathers initial information for the dog bios and works to obtain photos for the web page, all of which help get dogs adopted. She is responsible for reporting to the Board regarding any issues involving foster dogs and works closely with both the intake committee and the adoption department. On top of all this, she fosters dogs herself and helps transport dogs to their new foster homes. This all amounts to an incredible amount of work.

Brenda accepted the position of foster coordinator a year ago, after first serving as a Director at Large on the Board and then as Volunteer Coordinator. It didn't take long for Brenda to whip the foster department into shape!

Brenda established a dog information form so that Board members and show managers can easily locate information on each foster dog. She has started a chart that adoption counselors can search using certain criteria to find the right dog for potential adopters. She provides weekly updates to the intake committee so that they know what spaces are available and can use that information to help make crucial intake decisions.

Best of all, she does all of this work without complaint and is a pleasure to work with during all aspects of the rescue process.

OBG wants to thank Brenda for all the time and effort she puts into saving lives. Even more importantly, hundreds of dogs a year can say "thank you" to their angel for helping them receive the gift of life.

*Teresa Butler*

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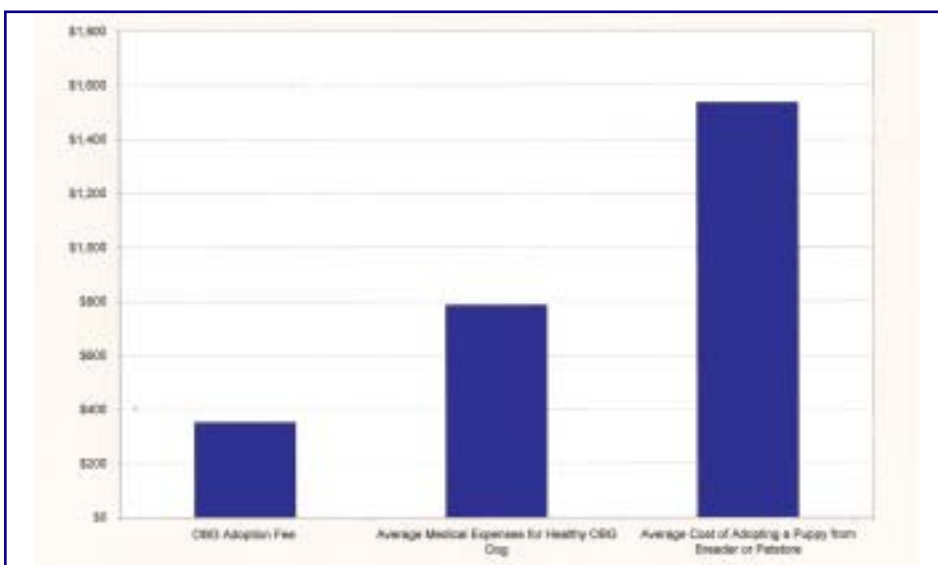
## THE HIGH COST OF RESCUE

OBG has always prided itself on taking in the dogs other rescues will turn away due to health issues. We also pride ourselves on doing our best to give the foster dogs the same quality medical care that we would give to our own dogs. Time and time again, we are told by veterinarians and their staffs how much they love working with OBG because they know we will pay for the care needed by the dogs we save.

Unfortunately, all this care comes at a price. In 2006, the average cost of medical care and boarding per dog was over \$1,000.00 and our total medical and kennel costs for the year exceeded \$300,000.00! Even if a dog only has the typical cocker ear infections and needs all its vaccinations, plus a spay or neuter, the cost is almost \$800 per dog (see chart). The adoption fee only partially offsets those costs. Recently, the OBG Board of Directors met to set the 2007 budget and came to the difficult realization that even with the continued generosity of OBG's supporters, we will not have enough money to continue the high level of veterinary care we now provide to OBG foster dogs.

We realized that we had two choices to balance the budget. The first option was to decide that we will no longer do any surgery that is not lifesaving. That means that adopters would have to be responsible for cherry eye surgeries, cataract surgeries, orthopaedic surgeries, dental extractions and other "elective" surgeries. This will come at a higher cost to adopters and will also make many dogs less adoptable. Even sadder is that some dogs would have to be euthanized because we would not be able to afford procedures that would not only save their lives but also allow them to have excellent quality of life for a long time to come.

The second alternative we considered was to raise the adoption fee. We will still rely greatly on the generosity of our supporters, but if our friends continue to help OBG as they have in the past, an increased adoption fee should make the difference between breaking even and being in the hole financially. In the end, we really felt that we had no alternative but to make the decision to increase the adoption fee to \$350.00 effective June 1, 2007. This is still a "bargain" compared to the cost to purchase a new puppy, have that puppy spayed or neutered and to vaccinate the puppy (The second chart accompanying this article shows the average cost of a new puppy to an adopter). Of course, in the end the real benefit of a rescued dog isn't the cost, but the joy of saving a life!



### Average Cost of a New Puppy (Breeder or Pet Store)

Purchase Fee*	\$1,000.00
Bloodwork (Pre-Op)	\$47.50
Spay/Neuter	\$250.00
Pain meds after sterilization	\$10.86
E-collar	\$13.00
Deworming	\$20.00
Deworming (2)	\$21.00
Physical	\$43.50
DHLPP Temporary	\$24.41
DHLPP 1	\$24.41
DHLPP 2	\$24.41
Rabies	\$16.63
Bordatella	\$16.00
Heartguard (initial 6 month supply)	\$23.30
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,535.02</b>

\*A search of cocker spaniel breeders found prices ranging from \$795 to \$1,495.00 per puppy with the average cost of \$1,000

### Average Cost, per Dog, to OBG (with no issues other than the "typical" cocker ear infections)

Initial Physicals	\$40.00
Follow up exam (1)	\$30.00
Spay/Neuter	\$180.00
Fecal	\$15.00
Heartworm/lyme/erlichia test	\$35.00
DHLPP vaccination	\$19.00
Bordatella vaccine	\$13.00
Urinalysis	\$24.00
Bloodwork	\$85.00
Anal Expression	\$15.00
Grooming/Baths	\$40.00
Heartguard & Frontline monthly until adopted	\$39.00
Medications	\$40.00
Average 3 week kennel stay until foster home opens up	\$210.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$785.00</b>

This includes an estimate for treating the "typical" cocker ear infection almost all rescues have initially. Additional procedures which may also be done depending on each dog's particular needs include heartworm treatment, cherry eye surgery, surgery to remove mammary tumors, emergency room care, treatment for pneumonia; treatment for kennel cough, treatment for mange, dental extractions, cataract surgery, ear ablations, deep ear cleanings, orthopaedic surgeries, laser eye surgery, cardiologist consult and related exams, biopsies and lifesaving procedures as recommended by the veterinarians.

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## "WEIGHTING" ON THE RIGHT DOG

Is it true that owning a dog creates healthier humans? I have pondered this question since the adoption of our cocker spaniel, Willie. What is a healthy lifestyle? I believe that balance is the key to a healthy lifestyle in our personal lives, our work and our family.

Since my husband and I adopted Willie from OBG in April 2005, I have lost close to 20 lbs and my blood pressure is at an all time low. Prior to the adoption, I had been working at losing weight knowing that the most important steps to success are exercise, food portioning and consistency. How could a dog help me lose almost 20 lbs? I have been thinking about this question and the only way to explain it is to tell you about our delightful dog, Willie, and myself.

Willie and I share a love of food. We find enjoyment in large quantities of treats and have a difficult time stopping at just one bite or just one nibble. Anytime I walk to the kitchen, my faithful food-friend is right at my heels. I can relate to his excitement and joy at the surprise treat that is just around the corner. His shadowing has made me more aware of how often I find myself in the kitchen, surrounded by temptations in all varieties and forms. Knowing how important it is for Willie to stay trim, reminds me that I too, need to take care of myself. I hear myself telling Willie that he does not need any more snacks for the evening, and that same voice echoes in my own ear, telling me I'm done for the night as well. His ubiquitous presence whenever food is in my hands has helped in two ways. My awareness has increased and my portion size has decreased. I know dogs are not supposed to have human food, but those pleading brown eyes are so difficult to deny. So, a little for Willie means less for me!

To lose weight, one must expend more energy than he/she consumes. That is the basic science behind weight loss. Time and again, I see that walking is the best form of exercise because all I need is a pair of sneakers. For Willie, all

he needs is his leash. Again, we make a great pair. When we adopted Willie, OBG thought he was about 5 years old. Based on his energy level and exuberance, my husband and I think that we adopted a dog that was 5 going on 3. A little walk around the block is not enough for this playful pup. From springtime to the fall, Willie and I walk 3 miles a day. We both want to enjoy our treats and eat them too, so "it's a walking we will go". Since Willie joined our family, I easily accomplish the 10,000 steps a day goal that so many healthy lifestyle articles recommend. We have a few 1-mile routes, a 2-miler and the 2.5 miler. His pace is brisk and demanding, almost as if he is a personal trainer encouraging me to "keep the pace." Knowing that he needs to walk pushes me out the door twice a day no matter how tired I am. Willie has a reflector/raincoat and a fleece-lined coat so he's ready for in all kinds of weather. In the past my reasons for not walking were endless and quite convincing. Now, for Willie, all my excuses are moot.

After a long day at work knowing that I have to scrounge up my energy to take Will on a walk, I often feel like fatigue is a heavy coat that engulfs my entire being. I trudge up the stairs, balancing my bags as I unlock the door. When the door opens, my little Will wears the biggest grin on his face and his entire body quivers with happiness that I'm home. He twirls and whirls and then snuggles up to me, basking in my attention and welcoming words. The coat of fatigue and mantle of stress from work dissolve. They are no match for the love and affection that Willie showers on me. Where else can you find such magical friend?

So can a cocker spaniel help you reach your goal of a healthy lifestyle? I don't think that any major medical schools will be contacting me for clinical research but I don't mind. I know that adopting Willie has changed my life. I feel healthier both physically and emotionally and Willie is in a better place than where OBG found him. So from Willie and me, thank you Oldies but Goodies, for all that you do!

*Nicole Choiniere-Kroeker*

## RETURN-TO-OWNER

Ever wonder how elderly, special-needs dogs wind up as strays? We assume they've been dumped by callous owners, but that isn't always the case. I have been honored three times to find the worried owners of elderly special needs dogs.

My first elderly foster was a dog I snapped up from "death row" at a shelter. She was a toy poodle that had been fostered by a family with small children, and she had bitten one of them. I talked the shelter manager into letting me take her home on the grounds that it would give me practice in case my half-blind dog developed trouble in her good eye. I named her "Betsy" after my mother. I rounded up money from friends to pay for her shots and started trying to find funds to take her to an ophthalmologist.

I had suspected Betsy's owner was elderly from her reaction to elderly people she met - she turned into another dog completely in the arms of a senior. How right I was! Her owner had Parkinson's and Betsy had escaped from her yard. The grandchildren left the gate open and Betsy took off. She wandered for 2 months, until finding her way to the shelter. She had been missing a total of 4 months when we arranged the happy reunion. Her cataracts? She'd been blinded as a youngster by tangling with cats. No wonder she was so well-adapted! Even though the family's funds were limited, they eagerly paid me back for her expenses and Betsy rode home in the loving arms of her owner.

The second time was with OBG. "Maizy" came to OBG with severe kennel cough and pneumonia.



Poor Maizy had heart disease. We started her on heart meds, cleared up the pneumonia, and she blossomed. Soon after, I received an e-mail from her owner. He'd given up hope after 4 months of searching Montgomery County and DC. Little did he know she'd shown up 30 miles away, in PG County! How could a dog of her age and in her condition have traveled so far so fast? Apparently what

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## "TOBY, TOBY, TOBY!"

When OBG agreed to take Toby from a shelter, everyone thought he had one bad front leg that would probably require amputation. Toby couldn't have been more than 6 to 8 weeks old, and I agreed to foster him through surgery and recovery. When he arrived, however, we discovered Toby had birth defects in both front legs. His left elbow couldn't straighten due to a deformity and his right elbow dislocated when he tried to walk. Toby didn't let his disability slow him down though; he merely bounced along on his elbows with his front paws turned outward. He moved much like a seal on its flippers.



My husband, Tom, and I decided to see if anything could be done medically to fix Toby's elbows. And we decided to adopt him. A very skilled orthopedic surgeon was able to fix the dislocating elbow. After five weeks in a cast and two months of swim therapy, Toby was able to walk on three legs and use the fourth leg for a bit of balance. Now two years old, Toby easily outruns us.

Everyone says Toby is lucky to live with Tom and me, but we think we are the lucky ones. Toby has added so much to our lives. Whatever Toby lacks in physical abilities, he makes up for in personality. He is a social butterfly.

A few weeks after Toby came to live with us, my dad moved into an assisted living facility. We took Toby along on every visit. The staff and residents loved him—well, except for the resident cat. Even the pet goat of one of the nurses got along with Toby; it was quite a zoo, literally, the day the goat and two other dogs visited my dad while we were there.

After my dad moved to a nursing facility, we continued to take Toby to visit. Residents who had had dogs would light up when Toby arrived. Toby visited up until the week before my dad died.

Toby also visits school kids. He fits in particularly well with the 8 to 12-year-olds. Each summer we visit Animal Awareness Camp several times at the Alexandria animal shelter. Several week-long camps are held during the summer to educate kids about animals. I give a talk about pet first aid, and Toby teaches the kids about disabled pets. You can guess which one of us is more popular. Toby and I also have been guest speakers at some of the special sessions put on by the Alexandria shelter staff at various Alexandria public elementary schools during the school year.

Toby also attends business events where my company has a vendor's booth. He is my goodwill ambassador, making friends with people who stop by, and giving me an opportunity to educate visitors about rescue and disabled pets.

Finally, Toby was a special guest at the American Red Cross 125th anniversary national convention last year in Washington, DC. I got to go along, too, since I teach Red Cross pet first aid classes, but there's no doubt in my mind that Toby was the one they really wanted there. During the parade, Toby led the group representing Red Cross Health & Safety Services. The emcee told Toby's inspirational story of rescue and rehabilitation while video of him was flashed onto the giant screen. I had no idea they planned to do that. Toby, of course, took it all in stride. He happily bounced down the aisles as audience members chanted "Toby, Toby, Toby" and even some of the celebrity guests reached out to pet him. The photographers flocked around him to snap his picture. Toby had them all wrapped around his little paw. No one even seemed to mind when, from backstage, he barked during the middle of General (Ret.) Colin Powell's keynote speech.

Toby loves to visit people and I'm sure he will continue to do so. It will soon be time for another summer of Animal Awareness Camp, and he also expects to make an appearance at a Frederick County Humane Society's kids program. I'm sure he will have other opportunities to "speak," too.

Lynne Bettinger



## RETURN-TO-OWNER

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happens in PG County stays in PG County. Maizy wasn't talking. I was hesitant to turn her over but at the home visit it was clear she was well-loved and safe ... when contractors weren't working in the yard and leaving the gate open! Maizy was obviously ecstatic to be returned home. Her owner was aware of her heart disease and even still had her medication. He had been in agony wondering where she was.

My third elderly special needs foster was "G-O" (Golden Oldie), one of our Katrina dogs. At 14, his pre-Katrina health was better than many of the younger dogs we'd taken in. Though deaf and suffering from skin infections, he bounced back from his ordeal quite well. I'd been told that he was found with his deceased owner, and I could well imagine his devotion. He'd obviously been well cared-for. But our information was wrong. His family was alive and well and relocated to Alabama. "Teddy" had been through a lot, but so had his family. Thanks to OBG (and a grant from the ASPCA) they never had to see him thin, weak, and battling skin infections. The family had been rebuilding their lives for 4 months, and having Teddy back was the "final piece" to make their home complete once again.

I started fostering for OBG after my high-spirited terrier mix died from heart disease. I well remember the day she escaped from me at the ripe age of thirteen, and despite her enlarged heart she ran over a block in a matter of seconds to greet her boyfriend. Things could easily have gone very wrong that day, and my Missy could have been one of those special needs seniors rounded up in a distant county. I'm sure many of us have had such close calls. It's a great comfort to me that I've played a part in reuniting elderly dogs with the people who have loved them for over a decade. Those are the happiest of happy endings.

Amy Edmonds

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Austin	DeeDee (now	Willie	Sparky (now	Conner (now	Casey2 (now	Baron
Brandon	Gracie)	Kelly2 (now	Max)	Dexter)	Carly)	Caesar
Bryson	Henessey	Cally)	Gypsy	Katie2	Highlands	Peanut
Bud	Hooper	Megan	Marty	Midnight2	Chance	Pepper
Carmen	Knight	Teddi	Tara	Pepe	Janie	Ashley
Chipper	Lady Bug	Tony	Cappy	Tiny	Lady2	Baby Girl (now
Dexter	Leah	Brent	Charlie2 (now	Lucy	Polly	Pancake)
Domino	Mobey	Brittney	Marlow)	Bubba	Bobbie (now	Buddy Boy
Goldilocks	Mr. Tibbs	Buffy	Faith (now	Daisy	Saphina)	Beau (now
Lila	Pepper	Frank	Molly)	Jada	Buddy II	Miles)
Lindy	Pepper2	Guiness	Laci	Lily	Cassy	Fudge
Logan	Taffy	Jack3	Murphy2	Mulligan	Cokie	Lonnie (now
Lucky Charm	Buddy Boy	Keeley	Nicholas2	Snickers	Dini	Cooper)
Marley	Chevie	Nicholas	Patty (now	Charity (now	Dottie	Jay (now
Neo	Friday	O'Malley	Peppermint	Lucy)	Hillary	Rooney)
Nickey	Georgia	Scottie	Patty)	Chip	Lily Mae (now	Jules
Phoebe2	Gracie	Shayne	Zorro	Honey	Shelby)	Molly
Riley2	Jax	Toby2	Bobby (now	Rascal	Shadow2	Molly Bee
Cassie	Parker (now	Buster	Bart)	Scooter (now	Willow (now	Pal (now Win-
Cody2	Rylee)	Josie	Hunter	Dutch)	Noelle)	ston)
Dasie	Petey	Prince (now	Bentley2	Bear	Abby	Taylor (now
	Teddy	Jeffery)	Comet	Beanie	Barbie	Buddy)

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## LIFE BEFORE DOGS

### If I didn't have animals ...

- I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.
- My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.
- All surfaces, clothing, furniture, & cars would be free of hair.
- When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.
- When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.
- I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.
- I would not have strange presents under my Christmas tree – dog bones, stuffed animals ,toys, treats nor would I have to explain to people why I wrap them.
- I would have money .... and no guilt to go on a real vacation.
- I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grandkids through college
- The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: “out”, “sit”, “down”, “come”, “no”, “stay”, and “leave him/her/it ALONE”.
- My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.
- My house would not look like a day care center, with toys everywhere.
- My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.
- I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E-E, W-A-L-K, or T-R-E-A-T.
- I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.
- I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog/cat ties them down too much.
- I'd look forward to spring and the melting of snow instead of dreading mud season.
- I would not have to answer the question “Why do you have so many dogs/animals?” from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

### If I didn't have animals ...

... How empty my life would be!

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Once was an OBG dog  
Looking for a forever home  
Something special, something rare  
A home where love will always be there.

So the nice ladies drove her to the vet  
Where they poked and prodded all day.  
The ladies made a call and she  
overheard,  
“Only a home with LOVE” was the  
word.



Well, she went to sleep all warm and fed,  
Next day some people came to visit,  
They laughed and cried as they held her tight  
Somehow this felt 100% right.

They named her “Lucky” for she really was  
The luckiest dog they found -  
She showed them life still dawns in Kodak hues  
Tossing away all those sad lonely blues.

So watch out folks, OBG does their job  
Finding dogs for homes in need,  
Lucky is just an outstanding example “  
Of how they plant the OBG seed.

:-) *Love, Peg and Lucky*

*Lucky, formerly Lady2, was adopted from OBG 1-19-07*

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