

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



OBG Events

Canine Cruise

Alexandria, VA

Tuesday, August 16th, 6:30 pm

Anniversary Party

Nottoway Park, Vienna, VA

Sunday, Sept 25th, 11 am

Food, games, parade, raffles, caricature artist, photographer and more! Special 20th Anniversary t-shirt now available.

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- SIGN UP FOR THE GIFT PROGRAM WITH A MONTHLY DONATION

HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY OBG!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

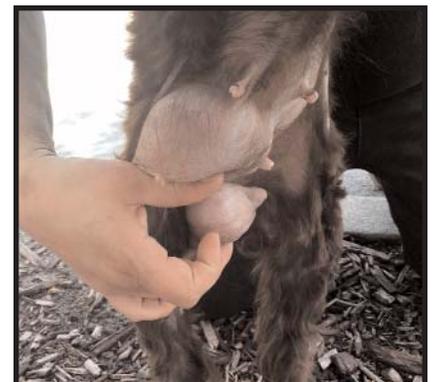
Time flies when you are saving lives! In honor of OBG's Big 2-0, we want to make this summer's fundraising drive the best ever. In order to do so, we are bringing back the ever popular Matching Funds Drive. This means we have some special donors who have agreed to match every dollar donated during the period of August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016 up to \$30,000. In other words, if we receive donations totaling \$30,000 during that period of time, these donors will match those donations so that OBG will receive \$60,000 in donations for the pups! This would put us more than half way towards our goal of raising \$200,000 for 20 years. This is your chance to double the power of your donation. Every donation – no matter how big or how small – will help!

OBG has also recently celebrated another special one year anniversary. July 2016 marked one year since OBG learned of the horrors in a barn in rural Virginia where 53 dogs were suffering. OBG rescued 46 dogs in one day which we later named the Freedom 46 and within the week, OBG had located and rescued an additional seven dogs that had once lived in that barn. Soon after these dogs were rescued, supporters from around the world came together to donate to OBG for the care of the Freedom 46. Many of you receiving this letter first heard of OBG because of the Freedom 46. It is our hope that you will continue to support OBG in our endeavor to make life better for the life of homeless dogs, one life at a time.

The first six months of this year have been busy. As of June 30th, OBG has saved 101 dogs and rehomed 117. We are now right in the middle of the busy summer season a/k/a "dumping season" when we bring in more dogs than any other time of the year, but we do have to be careful because of costs. YOU have the power to help OBG save the lives of more deserving dogs this summer by making a tax-deductible donation to OBG and doubling your dollars with the Matching Fund Drive.

Two dogs your donations will help are 7-year-old Diana and her daughter, 5-year-old Delilah. (pictured next page) These poor girls have spent their entire lives so far as breeder dogs. When they were first rescued, they were matted and dirty and had clearly been severely neglected. They exhibit behavior much like puppy mill dogs that have had little human interaction. Nonetheless, they are still sweet and gentle dogs who will be loving companions once they learn what it's like to be loved.

Sadly, both Diana and Delilah have a number of medical concerns that need to be addressed before they can be put up for adoption. Both are heartworm positive which is deadly without treatment. Poor Delilah has an umbilical hernia and inguinal hernia and will need a major dental with a number of



Poor Diana!

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extractions. Diana also has a hernia and a mammary mass that needs to be removed ASAP; (pictured, page one) the hernia repair will prevent her intestines from being entrapped. Due to the locations of the masses on her body and her other health issues, the hernia repair and mass removals need to be done during separate procedures. She also needs a major dental and will then need to start her heartworm treatment. Medical care for this mother and daughter will cost OBG over \$5,000. YOUR tax-deductible donation will go a long way in helping OBG care for these two deserving pups.

Given all the dogs rescued by OBG this year, it was a challenge to pick which dogs to feature in this letter. My last letter to you featured the seven heartworm positive dogs OBG had already rescued in 2016. OBG has rescued an additional five heartworm positive dogs: Frito, Harvey, Buffy, Delilah and Diana. Once these additional dogs have all been treated for heartworm, **OBG will have spent over \$26,000 just on heartworm treatments** – and we are only half way through the year.

In addition, this year **OBG has rescued six dogs who needed cataract surgery** to preserve or return their vision in order to give them a better quality of life and make them more



adoptable. These dogs are: Sweet Missy, Pippin, Rascal, Bentley, Sammie and Sweetie, for a total of \$15,000 spent so far this year on cataract removals.

OBG's budget is tight right now so the next time we are asked to take a heartworm positive dog or a dog with cataracts, we are going to have to consider saying no unless we raise enough money in this fund drive to help them. That is where **YOU can make a difference**. Please consider giving a tax-deductible gift so we can afford to continue to help dogs like the ones featured in this letter.

Lastly, I want to make sure you are aware of the upcoming **OBG 20th Anniversary celebration** (see box on page one). I hope to see many of you

and your OBG alumni there on September 25th. We have thousands of reasons to celebrate this anniversary – as in the nearly 4,700 dogs we have saved in the past 20 years. Let's make this a celebration we will all remember for a very long time to come!

As always, I want to conclude by thanking all of you for your ongoing support of OBG. The past 20 years would not have happened without all of YOU!

Your friend in rescue,
Teresa Butler

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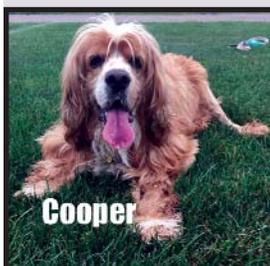


Pupdates

Lorelei crossed over to the Rainbow Bridge on June 8 in the loving arms of her foster family. Mentioned in the Spring letter, Lorelei had suffered serious damage to her heart and lungs from the heart worms. She contracted pneumonia again and it was just too much for her. We are so grateful to her foster dad, Steve, and his family for giving her such wonderful care and love these past months. Thanks also to the great staff at Crosspointe Animal Hospital.



Scoot recovered from his heart worm treatment. During his time as a foster dog, his family saw him blossom into a happy go-lucky boy whose favorite things include chasing tennis balls and giving lots of kisses. At some point, they realized that they could not let this special boy go.



Leland, now named Cooper, recovered from heart worm treatment and knee surgery. He charmed his way into his foster family's hearts and they made it official in June. He joins for four OBG alum brothers!



Lillybelle got good news that her mammary masses were benign and she had her dental with some teeth extracted. She joined her forever family in late April.

Three More of OBG's Favorite 20 Things from the Last 20 Years

1. Largest rescue



In July 2016, OBG learned about a large group of dogs living in a hot barn in rural Virginia. Two board members of a now defunct "rescue" lived on this property and were the caretakers of these dogs. Additional officers and board members of that rescue learned the dogs were living in deplorable conditions, contacted OBG and asked if we could help.

After days of intense negotiations with the "caretakers", as well as coordination with the county's Animal Control Officers and the Virginia Humane Society, arrangements were made for the dogs on the VA property to be released to OBG.

When OBG volunteers arrived at the property, there were 46 dogs living in the hot barn, many coated with their own urine and feces and with empty water bowls. Volunteers had to quickly get over their horror and mobilize to load all 46 dogs into their vehicles and transfer them to veterinarian's offices where they could get the medical care they desperately needed. As noted in my letter, we soon located an additional seven dogs that had lived in that barn and were able to rescue them as well. It cost OBG \$102,000 in medical costs as well as thousands of manpower hours spent trying to identify each dog, fielding inquires about each dog, moving each dog into foster homes and finding forever homes, but it was worth every second spent to save these dogs.

OBG wants to give a special thank you to Hayfield Animal Hospital, Crosspointe Animal Hospital and Deepwood Vet for their willingness to accept all of these dogs for kenneling at a moment's notice and for the

excellent care the dogs all received while boarding at these three veterinary practices.

2. Youngest rescues

The youngest OBG rescues are the puppies that are born while their



mamma is in foster care. 2016 has been unique in that we have already had not one, but two, litters. The first momma was Cookie, who we did not know was pregnant until after she came to OBG. On April 20, 2016, she gave birth to six dogs. Sadly, the smallest of the litter died soon after birth. But Jacai, Maisie, Corky, Kelly, and Penny have now all found loving forever homes.

A few days after Cookie's puppies were adopted, OBG received a frantic call from an employee of a small rural shelter. They had a beagle who was "ready to pop." Another rescue was supposed to take her, but had backed out. She could not give birth to her puppies at the shelter because it would be too dangerous due to a kennel cough outbreak. Sadly, she was going to be euthanized that day if no one would take her immediately. Although she was not a cocker spaniel, we agreed, especially after hearing about her amazing and gentle personality. A week later her 8 puppies were born.

Not only are these youngest rescues one of OBG's 20th favorite things in the past 20 years, but I want to give a special thank you to our puppy foster mom extraordinaire, CeCe Holman. She has never turned down OBG when we asked her to take in a pregnant dog, in spite of the incredible amount of work. At press time for

this letter, she had just learned that the puppies were not gaining enough weight so their feedings were going to have to be supplemented with bottle feeding. Yes, all 8 puppies were going to have to be bottle fed. Can you even imagine the work involved? So, thank you CeCe for making these youngest rescues possible!

3. Foster parents

OBG wants to thank everyone who has ever fostered for OBG. You are all "OBG favorites" and lifesavers



Angel Boy with new mom (left) and foster mom, Mary Jane (right)

who have made such an impact on the lives of the dogs you have fostered. Without each and every one of you, there would be no rescue. As someone who has fostered over 300 dogs, I encourage **everyone** to foster.

People always ask those of us who foster how we give up a dog that we have loved so much during the dog's time in foster care. My advice is not to focus on the dog that you just placed in a forever home. Focus instead on the next life that you can save. There really is no better feeling than saving a life! If you ever want to talk more about fostering and get my tips and tricks for success, email me at president@cockerspanielrescue.com. I would love to hear from you.



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In Memoriam ...

Forever in our hearts.

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Molly Arango
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Dexter Weismiller

Fosters:

Autumn
Lorelei

If you would like us to include your beloved OBG alum in our "In Memoriam" list, send an email to: rainbowbridge@cockerspanielrescue.com. Your alum will also be included on the OBG Wall of Angels on the OBG Blog: obgcockerconnection.blogspot.com.

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Brohwawn-Schuler
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JoJo Chwieroth
Dulce Cohen
Angel Boy Cole

Cookie Cox
Dallie DeYoung-O'Guin
Tiny Dittamo
Muffin Dobbins
Cody Evans
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Piccola Gustin
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Nuttu Buddy McGowan
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Emma Rahnama
Rudy Reid
Corky Elise
Pippin Rose

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