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**"One by one until there are none."**

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## From Donna's Desk: by Donna Ezzell



It has been a very busy start to the new year! We didn't mean to be out of touch but we have been getting through the holiday rush of adoptions and donations and now are bringing in more dogs to the Farm.

Thank you so much for all of the donations that came pouring in over the holiday season. There were so many that we got behind in sending out acknowledgements and thanks you -- but they were all truly appreciated!

We are kicking off 2013 with a double issue of the newsletter, featuring several stories from adopters about their dogs. I hope that you enjoy them!

## CPR Love Stories

### Rosie's Story by Mary Winburn



Clifford, my most special red standard poodle, had a heart attack and died Valentine's Day 2009 at age 10 1/2. He had congestive heart failure and had not been doing well. Even so I was devastated! Even though I had 3 other standards, there was a huge hole in my heart.

A breeder friend heard about my Clifford and offered me a beautiful silver and black phantom 6-month girl that he had had difficulty placing because she was so dominant and head strong. I had been eying her, and he knew I liked a challenge.

She was beautiful and a true delight. She helped heal my broken heart. The morning of February 13, 2010 I was sitting at the computer after all the poodles had gone outside. Murphy my oldest kept running back inside, I thought, to check on me. After the third time, I thought maybe he wanted me to go out with him so out we went. I was in shock! There were no other poodles in my back yard! I look toward the back fence and one whole section of 6-foot privacy fence was missing! We had had high winds and rain the day before and a section had come loose from the post. I was frantic! I thought I was the most careful poodle mom in the world! Our yard was surrounded by this 6-foot fence and all out gates were locked. We walked the entire fence once a month looking for loose boards.

I called the police and dog catcher and after about two hours the police found two of my standards in a yard two miles away across a busy four lane highway. My little phantom girl was nowhere to be found! We put posters all over the neighborhood, and Murphy and I walked everywhere looking for her.

In the late afternoon I called the Fairy Dogmother who put me in touch with an animal communicator who told me my phantom girl was hurt and she was close to the busy highway near my home. We walked and searched and called to no avail.

At 10:30 that night the police called to let me know they found her dead in the middle of another highway close to my house. This about did me in! I vowed I would never get another new poodle and spend my time loving my 3 remaining ones. The huge hole in my heart remained. I continued to volunteer as an

adoption counselor for CPR and was truly happy for those finding new dogs but my spark had just gone out.



I had many discussions with the Fairy Dogmother who assured me it would just take time. A month went by and she asked me for a big favor. There was a 5 month old red standard poodle puppy not far from my home that the elderly owners had realized was too much for them. They were relinquishing her to CPR. Could I pick her up and bring her to the Dreamweaver Farm in April when we had our work day? It would mean I would have to keep her about two weeks. I said sure. At that time I had no intention of keeping that puppy. I was not going to love again and have my heart broken again! That Fairy Dogmother is a sneaky wise person.

I fell in love with Rosie at first sight and needless to say she never made it to the farm! I can't tell you what a joy she had been! She is the happiest most outgoing poodle I have. She is now my official foster poodle trainer and has had several successes teaching other poodles humans are okay, and it's great to have fun!

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## Love at Last Sight

by Amy Walsh



One year ago on Saturday, January 5th, our lives became a little more complete.

I had a sweet Shih-tzu for 15 years; she was my first child! But she developed some serious health problems, and I finally had to make the devastating choice to relieve her suffering on January 6, 2006.

Six years later, my family and I were once again ready for the canine fuzzy role in our hearts to be filled. Being a strong believer in rescuing those in need of a loving home and not in breeders, I began searching the shelters and rescue organizations in the immediate Greenville area, looking for that perfect fit. In my mind, I decided that we needed a young (but not necessarily 'puppy') male dog, small, since we have a female cat and, of course, everyone tells you that animals of different sex adapt to each other better. Whatever. So I believed that was what we needed.

Donna at Carolina Poodle Rescue was the first to call me back. We spent approximately 90 minutes on the phone - Donna is very thorough - discussing our home, the age of my daughter, how much the dog would be left alone, etc. There were several dogs on her website that we both agreed were worth a look by my family, and so we set an appointment to come out the evening of January 5th.

On the way out to the farm, I was confident, but also a little cautious. My daughter had not grown up with a dog in the house because my Shih-tzu had to be put down when she was 7 months old, and she had developed a fear of dogs. But she was excited to get a dog, and was happily chatting away during the trip.



When we got to the farm, Joni was the volunteer who met us and brought us into the "encounter room." I was all set to see the 3-4 male dogs I had chosen from the website, and not the least bit interested in anyone else. But in her lap she had a small little white and caramel furball. I became suspicious. Joni said, "Donna told me what you are looking for, and I understand your needs, but I just couldn't let you leave without at least meeting this one." It was a female multi-poo, and she was very timid - didn't seem to want to get near us and stayed close to Joni. My daughter was sitting next to me on the couch, her legs literally shaking she was so nervous and somewhat afraid. I smiled and said that's fine, we'll look at her, but these are the ones I really want to see.

Each of the male dogs that I wanted to look at were brought in one at a time, and none of them were right for us. Something just didn't fit with each one; but in the meantime, the little furball was still quietly walking around, pawing to get on Joni's lap, and watching us. I was so busy trying to figure out what was going on with the males, I hadn't paid attention to what was happening. Suddenly, exasperated because I hadn't found the right one in any of the dogs that I had seen, I looked over to the second couch in the room. There was my daughter, very calm and no longer shaking,

with the little furball next to her on the couch, petting her. Then it hit me. If that dog could make my daughter comfortable with her that quickly, then that obviously was the puppy for us. So I asked Joni about her history.

She and her other multi-poo siblings had been abandoned about three months prior - when they were roughly six months old - and they had been so poorly taken care of that they had to be shaved because their fur was too matted to even get a slicker brush or metal comb through.

And since she had one brown eye and one blue eye, all her siblings were adopted first because this made some people uncomfortable. I went over and picked her up to cuddle her, she snuffled my face, gave me a kiss, and it was love at last sight. I signed the papers, gathered everyone up (never putting her down) and we all got into the car and drove home. Lulu is 110% a "mama's girl," she has her own wardrobe of harnesses with matching collars, sweaters and jackets, her own toy box at home and at the office, and loves to play and go for walks, and getting loved on. She comes to work with me every day, and has been the puppy we have been waiting for.

We cannot thank Donna and the staff at Dreamweaver enough for being there at the right time to take care of our little angel until we figured out she was just what we needed. Oh, did I mention she has her own car seat after she tried to take over my daughter's? At least I know all my kids are safe.



## Cookie Rivers Davis

by Reggie and Sally Davis

Cookie Rivers Davis has been a very special addition to our lives! After losing our sweet dog Muffin, we said we would not get another dog for the heartache was too much for us.



However after a few months of coming home with no wagging tail to greet us, we decided to start looking again. A rescue was the only way for us, as we needed rescuing as much as a dog did!

We started the adoption procedure and, when approved, we started looking in earnest. I searched the Internet each day and read so many sad stories, wishing I could save all of these animals. Then one day I came across a beautiful little toy poodle with one eye. I can't tell you how many times I would scroll back to her. Each time I would see her I would show my husband her picture. I knew she was the one for us!

Then panic set in when I realized someone else might get her.

We called to see if she could be ours and with a YES answer we traveled to Cary, NC to pick her up from Debi Raby. Cookie is the sweetest and most loving dog we have ever had! She loves to be rubbed and will remind you by pawing at your hand. She is so curious about everything. There is a large covered drain behind our house that she is afraid of. With one eye I wonder what she sees. She has brought so much joy and love to us. She keeps a smile on our face and a song in our heart! Thank you Dreamweavers Farm and Debi Raby for allowing us this special privilege of giving Cookie her "forever"home.



## He Chose Me by Mary Altus



During the almost two hour drive to Dreamweaver Farm with my daughter, I worried. I worried that none of the poodles would like me, or that I wouldn't know which poodle I should take home with me. My daughter said not to worry, that the right poodle would pick me. AND HE DID!

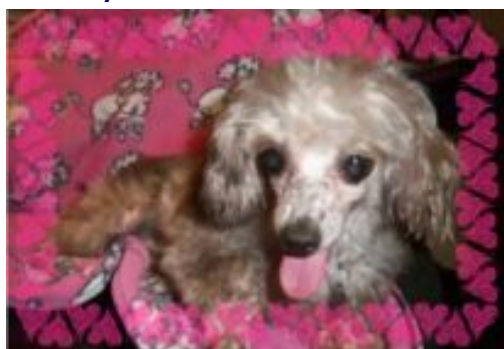
The first group of poodles came in to meet us, but nothing "happened."

The second group of poodles came through the door, and there he was--in came Rusty. He rushed over to each person and greeted them with poodle kisses and nonstop tail wagging. Then he jumped into my lap and leaned his head against my shoulder. That was it. The search was over!

We juggled names..... Newton ( as in Sir Issac), Watson (as in Dr. Watson and Sherlock Holmes), Mango (for his apricot color), Edward, etc. Then later that weekend, we had a Super Bowl party and he was a hit with everyone. Someone asked what his name had been before and I spelled R-u-s-t-y, and she said it out loud. He turned, wagged his tail and ran to her. So, just like he selected himself to become my new poodle, he also selected his own name.

## Feature Pet of the Month

### Meet Jazzy Girl!



Hi there! I was a little shy when I first got to my foster home but not anymore. I really liked to play with my foster sister, Miss Priss.

I am a very good girl. I am doing much better with the house training. I almost have my foster mom trained on when to let me out. When she messes up, I will go to the puppy pads and use them. I like to get all the puppy toys and hide them in my crate. I only play with puppy toys and I don't chew things I am not supposed to chew. I know it's time to get in the crate when I hear "Time to get in your puppy bed" and I do it right away cause I get a treat then!

I like to be in the same room as my foster mom but I am still a little scared of the stairs. So when she goes up or down them and doesn't take me, I will wait for her at the stairs. I also like it when she takes me downstairs to watch a movie! If I catch my foster mom looking at me then, I will come to her and give her kisses and get my belly rubbed. She tells me that I

am a very good girl, and I will have my own forever home soon. I was hoping that Santa Claus would bring me a forever home but not yet. Maybe for the New Year!

I am still a little shy around new people but I have learned that people are kinda fun and it doesn't take me long to trust. I would really like a forever home with another dog cause I like to play! I hope you'll send in an application for me.

## The Rainbow Bridge



**Dedicated to those who have passed over.**



**"Ben"**  
Wendy Kelly, Anderson SC



**"Nikki"**  
Carole and Bill Moody, Pinehurst NC



**"Josephine"**  
Debra Watkins, Rutherfordton NC

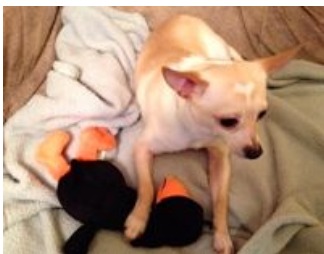


**"Roxie"**  
Debra Watkins, Rutherfordton NC

**"Sir Henry"**  
Karen Martin-Blevins, Kingsport TN



## The Gallery



**Radar Finley with his toy penguin.**



**Sophia and Baccio Baker enjoying a nap.**



**Koda Lemmon enjoying an outing.**

### CPR Wish list:

- Crates and crate mats
- Old Verizon phones (if you got a new one) or cameras would be useful
- Pedigree canned dog food (all kinds)



### Become a Foster and Help Give a Special Dog a Chance

We just completed our third round of Foster/Rehab training and it was the largest class so far. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who attended and are now approved foster homes.

A special thanks to Sherry Wilson, Jennifer Smith, Carol Henderson, Sarah Robinson, Beth Jancse and of course, our Fairy Dogmother,, Donna Ezzell, for helping to make it a success. We will be scheduling our next training soon, tentatively in May.

### Become a CPR Patron!

Patrons are our lifeline -- our patrons keep CPR going. Patrons are not only assisting CPR, they are assisting themselves by earning money off their next adoption. For more information on how to become a patron, please email [donna@carolinapoodlerescue.org](mailto:donna@carolinapoodlerescue.org).

### CPR 2013 Calendars

We still have 2013 CPR Calendars available for sale! Don't miss this chance to decorate your wall with poodle photos for the entire year. They make great holiday gifts too. To order, please visit the [CPR web site](#).

### Email a Friend About Us

Tell 5 friends! Check Carolina Poodle Rescue out on our [Facebook page](#).

Can you tell 5 friends about CPR? Can you Facebook or Twitter a link to our web page? The power of networking is unlimited. Telling 5 friends, and asking them to tell 5 friends, is the best way to reach many people and tell them about the animal rescue, small but determined to make a difference. Thank you!

### Become an Adoption Counselor

One of the best ways to help poodles in need that lets you do it from home is to be an adoption counselor. Do you have 2 to 4 hours per week to give? Do you have an unlimited phone plan? Do you have Word? Do you enjoy talking to other dog friendly people on the phone? Do you have good instincts about people? If so - adoption counselor work may be for you. For more information, email Sherry Wilson at [poodles4ever@bellsouth.net](mailto:poodles4ever@bellsouth.net).

Please remember, if you would like to be a rehab home for CPR, you must complete the training. Even if you do not want to be a rehab home right now, we provide you with lots of tips, tricks and ideas for your own furbabies. Seats are limited, so please let me know if you plan to attend! Please email me at [debi@carolinapoodlerescue.org](mailto:debi@carolinapoodlerescue.org).



**Millie Spicer with her brother, Waldo, enjoying a day outside.**



Remember to iGive while you're doing your online shopping. Every search helps CPR and every online purchase associated with iGive helps raise donations. For more information about iGive and iSearch, go to [www.iGiveiSearch.com](http://www.iGiveiSearch.com).

### **We'd Like to Hear from You**

Do you have a story about a Carolina Poodle Rescue dog that you'd like us to publish?

Please send your stories to [newsletter@carolinapoodlerescue.org](mailto:newsletter@carolinapoodlerescue.org) as well as a photo or photos to go with the story.

If you don't have a story but have a photo you'd like to share of your CPR rescue, we'd love to feature that too!



**Lolly Bohling at home.**

### **Volunteers Needed for PetSmart Event in Raleigh, NC**

Volunteers are needed to help educate people about Carolina Poodle Rescue and the adoption of pets. If you have a CPR foster dog, this is a great opportunity for your foster to browse potential forever families and find the best one for them! Many people think "rescue" dogs were given up because they are "bad" or damaged dogs. They don't always realize how much difference a good home can make and that a lot of the dogs have just had bad luck (maybe an owner get sick, lose job, etc.). We can show them what wonderful companions are available through rescue. All you need to bring is a chair and a great attitude to share with others!! Come prepared for inside or outside depending on the event you are attending. More locations to come!

Please contact the event coordinator if you would like to volunteer or have a foster or two or more to bring!

Feb. 22-24, 2013

Brier Creek PetSmart - Raleigh, NC

(contact Jennifer Smith [memstang68@yahoo.com](mailto:memstang68@yahoo.com))

Friday, Feb. 22 -- 1pm - 5pm

Saturday, Feb. 23 -- 10am - 4pm

Sunday, Feb. 24 -- 11pm - 4pm



**Daisy Barger (formerly Miley) playing in the leaves.**

### **Help CPR Raise Money for an Emergency Fund!**

Only a few more days left to help raise funds for emergency vet visits. Currently we have had a few emergencies that are over \$1,000. PLEASE HELP by going to [www.pamperedchef.biz/charsnyder](http://www.pamperedchef.biz/charsnyder) put "Carolina Poodle Rescue" as hostess and pick the items that you'd like.

CPR gets 20% of all sales, if we can get over \$600 in sales. If just 300 of the over 1,000 CPR Facebook followers get just \$25 worth of items the emergency vet fund will have over \$1,500! Your little bit can go a long way—and you get a great item too!



**Boscoe Benden, getting showered with love by his new family.**

### **Pet Insurance**

We love our pets, and 73% of families would be willing to go into debt if their pet needed medical care. But they don't have to! Best Friends pet insurance helps ensure that no matter the illness or accident, you are financially prepared. Plus, your purchase helps homeless pets, too!

Get a FREE Quote Today!

Carolina Poodle Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

#### **Our Mission:**

To rescue, rehabilitate, offer permanent sanctuary and, when appropriate, rehome needy poodles and small dogs.

To encourage the human-animal bond by promoting activities that serve to bring animals

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and their people closer together.

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