



# Carolina Poodle Rescue Review

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## Save the Date! CPR Reunion

The date has been set! October 20, 2012 is the Carolina Poodle Rescue Reunion. Last year the attendance was more than triple past years and we hope to bring it even higher this year.

So, mark your calendars and join us!

## Available Pets We have more than just Poodles!

### Meet Casey!



Casey was brought to Carolina Poodle Rescue by a good Samaritan who found her wandering in her yard. About 2 years old, Casey still has a lot of puppy energy and would love to be with someone

## From Donna's Desk by Donna Ezzell



April 28th, we made our way to White Plains N.Y. for the 3rd year in a row. The event was the Best Friends Super Adoption Event. We went hoping to place dogs and we did--17 of them all together. 17 dogs found forever homes. 17 new friends were added to our family of adopters and circle of friends, and one friend from last year returned. All of the adoptions had a special theme or a touching moment but two are very special.

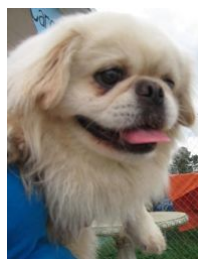
**Returning friends:** It was Monday and we were leaving Thursday. I was dashing through the sanctuary, a million details on my mind when I stopped in the middle run. There was Terrance, a scruffy terrier mix, looking at me.

Terrance had been found as a stray a little over a year ago with his buddy Carson. Carson and Terrance travelled to NY last year. Carson found a home but Terrance came back and here he sat. I cannot tell you why I added Terrance to the list right then but an insistent inner pull said I must. When Joni saw that Terrance was going she grinned from ear to ear. Then she put in a call to Carson's family, Alex and Kim, just to let them know that we would be back in town. Perhaps they knew someone looking for a friendly little dog? It started these very nice people thinking and, instead of finding a home for Terrance, the family decided that a reunion was in order. "We have enough love for two," they declared. Sometimes you have to listen to that little voice that says do something. There is a reason.



**Terrance**

**New Friends and act of kindness from one stranger to another:** Through that oh-so-busy adoption day I kept one eye on the kennels, watching as Zechariah, a purebred white Pekingese I had pulled from the Union S.C. shelter, was overlooked time and time again. I had made a special trip to our neuter clinic to make sure that Zechariah was ready to go. I felt strongly that his home was waiting on him up here. So why was no one taking him out for a meeting?



**Zechariah**

Could I have been wrong? It was well after three o'clock and the crowds were thinning out when Laura told me that a potential adopter had gone home to get their dog to see if the two boys would get along. I hoped they would return. Sometimes people do and sometimes they don't. Then about four o'clock a lady came in. She had just gotten there and saw Zechariah. She immediately asked for an application started filling out.

I didn't think much of this development until Laura told me that the folks from earlier in the day had returned with their golden retriever and that Zechariah and Max the golden were doing a meet and greet. The two boys were having a great time chasing balls. Large dogs and small dogs don't always get along but in this case the two were doing perfectly together. Suddenly my little boy had not one home but two. The problem was that I only had one Pekingese and all of the other dogs were now placed.

who leads an active lifestyle and wants a companion in those activities. When she is relaxing, Casey loves to have a belly rub. Toys are also a favorite with her.

She already knows how to sit and is eager to learn more. Since she is easily motivated by food, she'll be easy to train. She loves the world and it shows in her excitement to greet everyone. Her one bad habit (everyone has at least one, right?) is jumping out of excitement but she corrects really well. While she may be too active for toy dogs (though she would never hurt them intentionally) she does great with dogs nearer to her size and would love to have another dog to play with. She does require a fenced-in yard and would do best with active teens--her exuberance might be too much for smaller children.

She's such a happy, loving girl--she will make a wonderful companion for an active person or family.

## Sponsorship Dogs

### Meet Angel

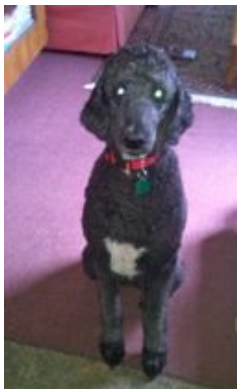


We featured Angel in the February 2012 newsletter requesting donations to help surgically correct Angel's hips. She is still in need of support so that this sweet girl will know what it is to be pain-free and run around.

She has a temperament that lives up to her name. While in training to become a service dog, the staff noticed something was wrong with Angel's hips. Her diagnosis is dysplasia in both hips. As a result, she'll no longer be able to help the handicapped, but she can be a loving--and healthy--family pet. But Angel needs some help to achieve this.

To be able to walk in the future, Angel needs surgery on both hips. Only one hip can be done at a time due since the other hip will need to be weight bearing while the one operated on is in a cast. She'll have to be kept in a kennel 24 hours a day for almost two months. She will only be able to walk to take care of necessities and always on a leash. After the first two weeks of total confinement, her foster mom will be able to start physical therapy with her.

How much does something like this cost? A considerable



Lynn Benden, our onsite adoption counselor, interviewed both families and came to me with the bad news. They were both fabulous. One of the Best Friends adoption counselors looked over the info on both homes as she had experience with Pekingese. I asked each adoption counselor which homes they would pick not knowing the dog very well. They each picked a different home, and each of them had very valid arguments for why their pick would be the best for Zechariah. It was up to me to make the final decision.

I interviewed both potential adopters myself. On the one hand, I had a comfortable couple who live in White Plains. Mom, a homemaker, enjoys taking Max to training classes and for rides just for fun. Max was well cared for, well socialized, and a joy to be around. Brenda was on the floor tossing balls for both dogs, accepting kisses from both dogs and very much enjoying watching Max finally have a friend. It was a perfect scenario.

My other adopter was a single professional, a registered nurse. For the last several years she has not only maintained her own job but also provided care for her aging parents. Her father had passed and her mother was now living in an assisted living facility. Sally was back living in her family's home, but she was alone. Her childhood pet had been a white Pekingese. I found Sally to be caring, compassionate, and already very bonded to Zechariah in just a few minutes spending time with him.

I didn't know what to do. No decision would be right. Someone was going to be disappointed. I finally went with my family with the golden retriever for no other reason than they got their first.

I told Sally my decision. Sally could not stop the tears as much as she tried. I offered to find a white Pekingese for her but that did not help. Was I sure, she asked? Was I absolutely sure? He was everything she had been seeking and had waited so long just to have it slip away. She confessed how lonely she was and when she saw Zechariah she felt that she had connected with him and that finally she had something to depend on and care for. At this point we were both crying. I asked her if she would wait a minute.



**Zechariah**

I went back to Brenda and told her where we were. She watched Max and Zechariah play for a bit. She looked down at the ground and I could tell she was wrestling with herself. Then she sighed. She gave Zechariah a big hug. And then she said that she had a dog and she had a family. It was Sally's turn.

I walked back over to Sally with Zechariah bouncing along on his leash, oblivious to the drama he was creating. Her face lit up and the tears started again. We sat on the steps and she buried her face in Zechariah's fur and promised that he would always have a wonderful home. She hopes eventually to have Zechariah certified as a therapy dog.

Sally said thank you to this family who had made such a big sacrifice for her. As I had promised Sally I now promised to them I will find a white Pekingese. I am trying to keep that promise.

## I-95 Collection Drive to Dreamweaver Farms

PLEASE PLEASE HELP US POODLE AND ANIMAL LOVERS!

As many of you know, Gina Grantland and I are doing an animal supply drive for the Carolina Poodle Rescue in Pacolet, SC and for Marion County Animal Shelter in S.C. and this is our final week for collection before we actually go on the road for well over 600 miles!. We are gathering items and will be glad to pick things up if you can't get them to us. **We need:**

- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Old towels
- Old blankets (including comforters)
- White vinegar
- Canned Pedigree dog food
- Pedigree puppy food
- Dry dog food
- Puppy milk replacer (Hartz is available from Wal Mart, others available from pets stores)
- IAMS puppy food prefer small bites

amount. But who can really put a price on being able to walk or run?



Angel is already on pain medication and is having some difficulty with mobility. She sticks close to her foster family, curling beside them in bed or on the sofa or greeting them at the door with kisses.

She has never known what it's like to run without pain. If you'd like to help sponsor Angel's surgery, please visit the [CPR donation page](#) and note that the donation is for Angel.

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## Looking for Ways to Help?

Can you do data entry? Do you live in the Greer/Greenville area? We can use your help! You would be going to our Treasurer's home where our business office is located.

If you are interested, please contact Beth at [bethj@carolinapoodlerescue.org](mailto:bethj@carolinapoodlerescue.org).

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## 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).

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

Are you looking for a way to help? Are you gone from home no more than 4 hours per day? Would you be willing to make a trip to Dreamweaver Farms in May for training? Do you want to work with a special fur-baby?

If you answer "YES" to these questions, then we have just the opportunity for someone like you! For the past several months, we have been revising the foster program into a rehabilitation program. We are looking for volunteers--rehabilitation homes for some of our very special dogs. These dogs may have socialization issues, a medical condition that needs to be stabilized, or other challenges. If you are this very special person and want more information, please email me at [debi@carolinapoodlerescue.org](mailto:debi@carolinapoodlerescue.org).

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## CPR Wishlist

- 7 blades, either skip tooth or finish
- 4 blades, skip tooth
- Front load washing machine high capacity
- New dryer
- New [wire crates](#) (as many as 30)

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## Never Say No

We never want to say no when there is a dog who needs to come to Carolina Poodle Rescue. Thank you to those who have already given, but we are still in

Laundry detergent  
 Kitty litter  
 Kitty food  
 Peanut butter (for giving meds)  
 Pill pockets (for giving meds)  
 Crates - any kind, any size  
 Lowe's gift cards  
 Home Depot gift cards  
 Petsmart or Petco gift cards  
 Collars - any size but we always need small ones the 3/8 wide and 10" long, plastic buckle type preferred  
 Harnesses - any size  
 Tupperware containers  
 Bags of Rice - Uncle Ben's is the best  
 Canned chicken breast (used to make chicken and rice for senior poodles with no teeth)  
 Canned pumpkin  
 Canned chicken broth  
 Heartworm preventatives any type  
 Flea/tick preventatives any type  
 Sevin dust Computer memory sticks  
 Computer paper  
 Plastic bags, old grocery and shopping bags for poop picking up  
 Plastic garbage bags - leaf size, large  
 Plastic garbage bags - white kitchen trash can size

Donations for gas can be made to: Carolina Poodle Rescue via the donation buttons on our web page. This trip with rental and gas will cost approximately \$1,000. Help our traveling team be successful!

**We are leaving on May 20.** YES, Thelma and Louise will be on the road again - LOL! PLEASE help us make this a success. And if you don't want to shop--a donation would be great and we will do the shopping for you! How easy is this--we will pick up your items if needed, drive and deliver them 600 miles away! It is NOT for us but for the poor critters! Please let us know if you can help. Also, if you know of any hotels, motels in your area that would be willing to donate old towels and blankets PLEASE let us know. We have contacted a few already. THANK YOU!!! You can email me at [barbaraannrankin@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaraannrankin@yahoo.com) BTW all items donated for a specific shelter WILL go to that shelter only!

Thank you in advance!  
 Barbara Ann

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## The Poodle Sisters

by Pete and Mary Sagonias and Bill and Annette Smith

What's better than a dog's love? A rescue dog's love! There are so many animals out there who need a forever home, and this is the story of two sisters who were rescued from a puppy mill in Alabama. Carolina Poodle Rescue had a place for them and had cared for them since Fall of 2010. They were adopted in separate homes on April 2011.

Two families had laps and arms that felt rather empty. Bill and Annette Smith from Midland, N.C., had lost their 14-year-old Cookie in March 2011; and Pete and Mary Sagonias from Arden, N.C. felt they had room in their hearts for another rescue, as well as a playmate for their white poodle Angel, who was adopted from another agency.

**The Smith's Story:** Bill and Annette Smith had their Cookie outside with them in a zippered nylon kennel to get some fresh air. She had just had cataract surgery several weeks prior. After five minutes of trimming a rosebush, they looked down and Cookie was gone; she had maneuvered the nylon zipper open and wandered away. They searched frantically. Days went by . . . their grief led to sleepless nights and inconsolable tears.

Their daughter Carolyn, also an avid dog lover, told them to get in touch with Carolina Poodle Rescue. "It's not going to get any better until you get another dog. While you continue to look for Cookie, rescue another dog, who needs special love and care."

**The Sagonias' Story:** Pete and Mary Sagonias had always loved animals, and on many occasions, they had reached out to rescue another, especially those who were homeless or in some heartbreaking situation. Even though they adopted Angel, they had been praying and searching for another rescue, a special dog who needed them. On the internet, they were drawn to Carolina Poodle Rescue and filled out an application.

**At Carolina Poodle Rescue:** Pete and Mary arrived on the same Saturday as Bill and

need of more Never Say No supporters. Please visit the [Never Say No Page](#) and help us always say yes!

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## Great Deal and a Great Way to Help CPR!

So what's the good deal? For a donation of \$25, Carolina Poodle Rescue will ship you an Easy Walk Harness - for the same price that the big box pet stores charge. To purchase, visit the [CPR Easy Walk Harness Program page](#).

BUT... if you purchase this from CPR, you won't be buying one harness. You'll be buying two. We will be able to buy one for you and one for the farm. We want to be able to offer these to our adopters at a reduced cost but coming up with the money for the initial order has been a challenge. With this special program, we can offer a win/win situation for everyone. You get one - and a CPR dog will become more adoptable when he walks on a harness that helps him be well-behaved.

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## Fink's Jewelers Inspired by Carolina Poodle Rescue

An employee of Fink's Jewelers and supporter of CPR has inspired the Virginia and North Carolina based store to begin carrying "Our Cause for Paws" jewelry. Taking the CPR slogan as their own, Fink's is joining in the mission to see every dog find a home.

Their promotion of the Cause for Paws jewelry line includes a parable demonstrating the power of that slogan, "One by one until there are none."

*One day, an old man was walking along a beach that was littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the high tide. As he walked he came upon a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the ocean, one by one.*

*Puzzled, the man looked at the boy and asked what he was doing. Without looking up from his task, the boy simply replied, "I'm saving these starfish, Sir".*

*The old man chuckled aloud, "Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?"*

*The boy picked up a starfish, gently tossed it into the water and turning to the man, said, "It made a difference to that one!"*



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).

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### 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

Annette though they didn't meet. When the Sagonias saw KiKi they knew she needed them more than any of the other dogs. Her eyes were so empty, not expecting anything, and she was lethargic. She had no teeth; they had been broken off at the gum line by a heartless breeder so that she wouldn't fight off the males at breeding time. Mary and Pete wanted to give this dog a better life than what she had experienced, so they adopted her.

When the Smiths arrived that afternoon, they fell in love with KiKi's sister, Bon-Bon. The volunteer told them that Bon-Bon had been whining because her sister was adopted that morning. The Smiths said that they would have taken both of them. And after Pete and Mary learned that KiKi had a sister, they said the same thing.

After the Smiths heard Bon-Bon's history at the puppy mill and saw that she was missing all of her teeth with her little tongue hanging out of the side of her mouth, they knew she was the dog they would take home. As they drove home, they kept thinking about Bon-Bon's sister and how upset she was at being separated from her, but the ride home was a good distraction for Bon-Bon.

**Forever Homes:** KiKi was soon named Molly and learned her new name in less than a week. Within the first few weeks, Molly had to have a mastectomy, which was pre-cancerous but the vet reassured them that the surgery had effected a complete cure. She also had oral surgery for her gums for bone infections due to the breeder's cruelty.

Since then Molly has grown in so many ways, as if thanking her people for helping her. She is now a true love bug and give lots of kisses. Her eyes are open and bright, and she loves to be held and loved on. She feels safe snuggled up next to the Sagonias. It's probably the first time in her life that she's ever been truly loved. "We've always had rescue dogs, but there is something special about Molly--maybe it's that after the horrific life she survived before rescue, she realizes she's truly loved."

BonBon is now known as Sophie. After arriving home, she was rather cautious as she explored her new surroundings. She was afraid of the stairs as she had most likely never seen stairs before this. She enjoyed being held but was not a cuddle bug. As days went on, she began to come to the Smiths, and her tail wagged when she was spoken to. It took quite a while before she would look the Smiths in the eye. She loved walking outside on a leash, and she seemed to be extremely excited when she saw other dogs. Perhaps she was still missing her sister and her companions at Carolina Poodle Rescue.

**Donna Gets Involved:** Donna Ezzell got in touch with the Sagonias and the Smiths to let them know about the two girls were sisters. Both families felt that they should let the girls see each other periodically. Illnesses of family members--bouts of flu and other illnesses--delayed this reunion. Also there was a three and a half hour drive between the two residences but the Smiths' daughter and son-in-law, who lived about half way between both, offered their home as a meeting place. This would later be known as the "half-way house."

**The Big Reunion:** The wonderful reunion took place on Thursday, March 8, 2012 and what a day it was! When the girls saw each other, Sophie jumped to attention and ran to Molly, and after an initial greeting started licking each other in the face. The sisters were so excited that they danced and pranced around. Angel joined the party. They all enjoyed a five-hour visit, with both families getting to know each other. The two couples have promised that the "Poodle Sisters" will continue to visit each other for the rest of their lives.

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### 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.*

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## The Rainbow Bridge



purchase helps homeless pets, too!

**Get a FREE Quote Today!**

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**Got a Food Lion Card?**

Shop at Food Lion? If you do, a portion of your purchases can help CPR. It's easy – link your MVP card to Carolina Poodle Rescue and help us to succeed.

Please go to: [www.foodlionmvpwards.com](http://www.foodlionmvpwards.com)

Step 1: Click on - Register your MVP card to support your favorite School or Charity!

Step 2: Enter your Food Lion MVP card 12 digit number and click submit.

Step 3: Enter your contact information.

Step 4: Add an Organization to support. You can enter the Charity code: 252362 or do a search in State: SC, Carolina Poodle Rescue. Click find. It will bring up Carolina Poodle Rescue.

Click add.

And remember . . . ask 5 friends to link their Food Lion cards to CPR.

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**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!

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**Sign Up for the Carolina Poodle Rescue Weekly Diary on our Blog**

It's a weekly diary of what is happening at Dreamweaver Farms. There will be regular updates on dogs that we are helping with medical issues, new in-takes, generally good stuff that's happened, and adoptions.

If you don't want one more web site to visit on a regular basis, you can have the weekly diary delivered straight to your Inbox.

Simply go to the [blog](#). Below the CPR mission statement, you'll see a box to enter your email address. Once you submit your address, you will receive a confirmation email. The email will ask you to click on the link to confirm your address. After that, you will simply get the updates in your inbox!

In case you'd like to read the weekly diary on the [Facebook page](#), we are posting it there as well.

The diary is a few weeks behind right now but it will be catching up soon. So sign up to make sure you don't miss an entry!



**Dedicated to those who have passed over**



**"Chance"**

Bunny Brown, Florence SC



**"Callie"**

Beverly Atkins, Clayton NC



**"Chia"**

DreamWeaver Farm, Pacolet SC



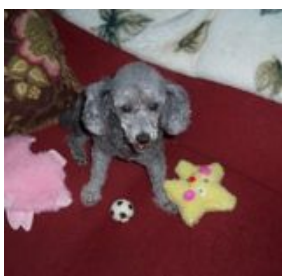
**"Remington"**

Dreamweaver Farms, Pacolet SC

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## More Pictures

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Trinket Dorman, looking spiffy with a new haircut and new toys



George and Gracie in their new forever home



Delilah Willis at the beach with her new family

**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 and their people closer together

To support the efforts of those in the animal rescue community seeking to end euthanasia as a means of population control.

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