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"One by one until there are none."

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Where are they now? Following up with Diva

With this new series "Where are they now?," CPR will follow up on some of our most well-known alums. Many of these dogs came to CPR in need of some major medical care or rehabilitation. They received what they needed from the CPR community thanks to the love and care of the CPR staff and to the generous donors who helped make miracles happen.



Remember Diva the standard poodle? It was September of 2010 when Diva came to CPR from a hoarding situation. While her past life had been less than ideal, her disposition was delightful. CPR knew this poodle could bring joy to the right home but there was work to do first. The big obstacle to overcome for Diva was her vision--cataracts were developing quickly and CPR needed to raise money to give her back her sight. We had raised money before, but never this much for just one dog. Was it possible?

It was Andree Johnson, a previous adopter and standard poodle lover, who came up with the idea of putting up half the funds if CPR could raise the other half. With her matching donation driving the efforts, what seemed impossible at first became doable quickly. Within just a few days, CPR had the money they needed to give Diva her sight back. What an incredible gift for this dog and from many who had never even met the friendly standard girl. In early September of 2011, a year after arriving at Dreamweaver Farms, Diva had successful cataract surgery. She could see again.

When Andree donated to help with Diva's cataract surgery, she only wanted to help Diva see so she would have a better chance at being adopted--by someone else. Andree had already adopted from CPR--a standard poodle named Gigi. At 9-months old, Gigi (Molly at CPR) had been grossly neglected and mistreated in her short life. Gigi had a lot of issues, but Andree needed a standard to help her standard Louie recover from the grief of losing his brother and Andree had a lot of love to give. Since coming to live with Andree, Gigi had come a long, long way. Much of that was due to her relationship with Louie, who Andree called her "gentleman."

After Diva's surgery, Andree was in the area and visited Dreamweaver Farms to meet Diva. During the long drive back to DC, Andree couldn't stop thinking that being with Diva felt right. Could Diva belong with her? It didn't take long to decide and in October of 2011, Diva found her new forever home in Washington DC with Andree and her canine family.



Renamed Babette, one of the jobs she took on with her new family was to help ground Gigi--who never fully recovered from her mistreatment as a puppy. Louie, at 11, was doing the job admirably but he could use an assistant. Babette found life as a nurturer and role model much to her liking and she took the damaged standard poodle under her wing quickly. Louie approved.

Babette's life is now an active one! When she arrived at her new home, she sat for hours in front of the long



windows in the house, watching what was going on outside. Everything caught her attention--and still does--since she had been without good eyesight for so long.

The trio now go for three to four long walks daily. They accompany Andree everywhere. Everyone loves Babette; she is so gregarious and loving. Adults and kids all stop to pet her. Gigi has learned a lot from Babette and has become so much more sociable thanks to her. Babette gets along with all dogs, both big and small.



At the beach, Babette loves the water and chases the waves. She adores everybody and is a great watch-dog. Gigi would bark and disappear but Babette would be right there. Andree says that, in her opinion, Babette is a perfect dog.

Babette's story has a very happy ending, but it could have been different. She was an older dog at six years old, when she came to Carolina Poodle Rescue, and she needed expensive, major surgery. The age of the dog is the number one deciding factor for many adopters. They don't consider that happy years together are what count, not the number of years that they can add up to. Health is the second question. It is very difficult to adopt a dog with health issues. Getting those health issues addressed and

resolved is the best way possible to get these dogs into homes where their winning personalities can show they were worth it.

Andree says, "These lives should not be thrown away because they need something. We should get something for them." We agree. With the help of donors like Andree, Babette got the surgery that she needed and then a whole new life!



Remembering Mamie by Linda C. Owens



My Mamie was spotted as "Millie," a blonde toy poodle in a high kill shelter in South Carolina, this same time in November last year (2012). Her execution date was set, and it appeared she had no future. I told Donna Ezzell if she would pull her, I would foster her. Animal control officers picked her up as a stray, and she was so matted in poop that she couldn't walk and she smelled like cigarette smoke.

Donna sent her straight to a vet in Gaffney where I picked her up a few days later after a bath, grooming, shots and spaying to take by Dreamweaver Farm to complete her CPR paper work. When the vet tech brought her to me, she asked me if we knew that she was blind and deaf--and had no teeth. The vet estimated her age at "more than 14 years and likely close to 20." I gasped a question to myself, "My God, who dumps out a pet that age?"

I cradled her on the short ride to CPR. Later on that November day, a year ago, Mamie and I went home to Lola, my CPR alumnae toy poodle, and my Ellie, The World's Greatest Corgi, a gift from a former student whose Corgis had

puppies--an "oops" that wouldn't happen again.

I renamed her "Mamie" after an aunt, my mother's sister-in-law who I always saw through my very young eyes as the most glamorous lady I had ever seen. Aunt Mamie was my "Jackie Kennedy" long before I ever understood anything about presidents, politics or Kennedys.

As My Mamie improved, I discovered that she could hear and see a bit, and she learned to navigate my house and the homes I visited frequently--although she always balked at going up or down any steps. Only with time would she go in or out an entry door if it had any rise or fall, no matter how minimal. She learned my voice and would come when I called her--an act she stubbornly refused to do for anyone else.

Her nose? Well, smell was Mamie's forte. She loved anything and everything when it came to food. She could smell the delivery guy before he got pizza to the door--and pizza--or anything Italian--seemed her favorite from the first day I had her.



Her gait was uneven and slow, but even if I was returning home from brief errands or just going outside to the mailbox, she happily greeted me with a hoppy-hop happy dance and gave out a muffled woof as she bounced up and down with her fore legs. It was as if the woof itself was so strong that it lifted up her front half of her body!



Mamie didn't seem to know what grass was. She always sought out concrete or asphalt to do her business, but she clearly was house-trained and was fine sleeping in her "own" bed, a small round, soft bed with high sides that she navigated herself over, with aplomb.

It was a bed that my late beloved Lucy used but had remained empty for years until Mamie took it over. Soon, I carried the bed with me from room to room for Mamie's pleasure because wherever I was became the room where she wanted to be. At my bedtime, of course, her favorite place became the space she created between my legs. After she grew ill at the end of summer, she moved to lie in my arms all night.

As it turned out, I failed as a foster parent. The first inquiry about her as a possible adoption of her came about three weeks after she came home with me. As quickly as it came, it went away. Later, I found out that I would



have input into any adoption of Mamie, the grande and elegant dame who I'm sure was a famous New York City model in some other life. She loved to "pose" across a pillow better than any pin-up girl you can imagine.

When the second interest came in early March 2013, I called Donna crying.

"Oh, you heard about that," the Fairy Dogmother (Donna Ezzell) said. I sniffed and choked out, "I can't, I can't." That's about all I could manage to say. Later, in the following days, I said with conviction, "If you want her, you'll have to find me and come get her." (I have a reputation like Willie: On The Road Again.) Donna laughed. I started bugging Joni Peterson to take her profile down from the CPR Adoptables as if someone would sweep down and steal her. Like I would let that happen.

Mamie was only with me for ten short months--ten months when I know she was loved and pampered. I know she had years and years before me. I pray they were happy and good years for her. She obviously came to me without bad habits from her past--unless you count her love of eating.

How she came to be a matted, dirty mess as a stray, I will never understand or know. Maybe someone went before her and was already waiting for her at the Rainbow Bridge. I tend to try to "fill in the gaps" with more pleasant imaginations of how she lived most of her years.

But, for a short time, here on Planet Earth, she touched my life with a remarkable positive effect, for which I am eternally grateful. Rest peacefully, my Mamie. I will always miss you here.

Happy Homecomings

Mrs. Marshmallow by Janice Souza



Three years ago, I was adopted by the most beautiful white poodle from Carolina Poodle Rescue. I had just lost my precious toy poodle, Hershey, and I wanted another female poodle. Donna Ezzell told me that she had the right poodle for me. Her name was Mrs. Marshmallow. I got to CPR and Mrs. Marshmallow was brought to me.

She ran around the room a bit and finally settled down by my side. I wasn't convinced just yet that I wanted a white poodle so I asked to see a couple of black poodles. When they ran into the room, Mrs. Marshmallow looked up at me as if to say "What are you doing? I have decided that I am the one coming home with you."

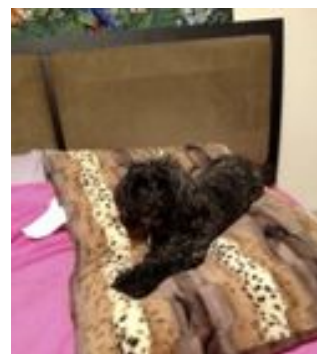
And she has been giving me that look for the past 3 years. Thank you, Donna for letting me have her that day. She chose me, and it's absolutely true that you end up with the one that you're meant to have. She's been a beautiful addition to our family, and we're so happy that we are owned by this baby.

Ziva's Happy Tail by Julie Poitinger and Justin Mills

In October 2012, my boyfriend (Justin) and I stopped at CPR one evening. I was looking for another standard poodle, and Justin was looking for a small dog who would follow him everywhere since the rest of the dogs followed me. He also wanted to carry the dog around with him and for him or her to play tug and fetch toys. A lot of things to ask for in one dog.

I didn't find any standard poodles that were right for my family, so I helped Justin search for the dog he wanted. We looked at and considered a lot of little dogs. For one reason or another, we didn't find the right one. We were there for hours. I could have stayed longer, but it was closing time, and we decided we'd have to head out on the eight hour drive home without a new dog.

We were heading out the door without a dog for either one of us. Justin went out ahead of me to smoke. I lingered to say bye to Donna Ezzell. While I was standing in the office, a little black dog sitting on a stool was trying hard to get my attention. I picked her up, and she kissed and loved on me. She was squirming with joy. I called Justin back inside and said, "What about this one?". He held her for a few minutes and decided she was the one for him. Farrah (now Ziva) IS the perfect one for him. She LOVES to tug and play fetch. She loves to go for rides with him. She follows him everywhere, but she will go to anyone with kisses and tail wags.



Lucky for us that Ziva did not let herself go unnoticed. She was determined to get my attention. I think she had been at CPR for four months. I don't know why she wasn't noticed before then. I guess she was waiting for the family who wanted a dog exactly like her.

We need your stories! Do you have a happy homecoming that you'd like to share? Please send it to newsletter@carolinapoodlerescue.org.

Feature Pet of the Month Meet Rufus!



Rufus was originally found as a stray in Forsyth County. He was then adopted from the shelter and later returned because he did not do well with the adopter's boyfriend.

Since Rufus has been at CPR, he has done well with both men and women. The big challenge that he has been working to overcome is his weight. When he arrived he was very overweight but he has been working hard and has lost 8 pounds!



Although he has a few more to go--his ideal weight is around 15 pounds--he is doing great and feeling so much better!

With other dogs, Rufus does very well. He gets along with pretty much everyone he meets. Now that he has slimmed down and spruced himself up, he's on the look out for a new home. He'd be a happy little fellow to come home to!

For more information about Rufus, please visit [his page](#) on the CPR Web site.

Help CPR Receive a \$400 Donation!



Wisconsin Pet Care is willing to donate up to \$400 to Carolina Poodle Rescue if at least 400 people vote for them!

- (1) Go to this link: <http://wisn.cityvoter.com/wisconsin-pet-care/biz/640605>.
- (2) Vote.
- (3) In the comments area type, "CPR loves WPC!" Voting ends December 14th. See below for more details:

One of our supporters needs your help and will return the favor in kind. Wisconsin Pet Care is in a heated contest for BEST OF MILWAUKEE. Last year they won the prize and want a repeat! (And they truly are the best pet sitters and dog walkers BY FAR in our eyes!)

Voting ends December 14th, so please do so right now! Share with friends and family and post on your Facebook pages, too. (They want to win and they want to help CPR!) Here is the link: <http://wisn.cityvoter.com/wisconsin-pet-care/biz/640605> You need to sign up which takes 2 minutes, literally.

WPC thanks you in advance for your kindness!

Join CPR's Facebook Page for Friends & Family

Why join another Facebook group? Well, if you love poodles or rescue dogs in general, if you want to keep in closer touch with the CPR community and everything that is going on at the Farm, with the current dogs, with adopted dogs, and with incoming dogs, then this is the place to be. We asked some of the members of the [CPR Friends and Family Page](#) why they love being a part of the page:

CPR is our extended family! We have adopted five poodles from CPR in the last 6 years. Our family has volunteered, transported and fostered together. We are a close family that feels supported by our extend family. When I speak of CPR to potential adopters and tell them about our FB group, I tell them that there is love and support for each of us that is given by other beautiful like minded people. Thank you for being part of our family!--Teresa Teague on Behalf of the Teague Family

As one who lives too far from the farm to visit regularly, this keeps me connected with what's going on.--Diane Wood

It's like visiting with extended family who all share a common love. I don't have to worry about being "that crazy poodle lady" on here!--Mary Winburn

Hope to see you there! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/122083703951/>

Please Stay in Touch

If you have moved or plan to move in the near future, please drop a line to CPR and let us know! We want don't want to lose touch. Just send an email with your new mailing address and/or email address to cprmail@carolinapoodlerescue.org. We always love hearing from the CPR community!

And if you have a story about your CPR dog (or cat), we'd love for you to share it--happy homecomings, travel adventures, training achievements, or simply a story that you'd like to share about your CPR family member. Please send it to newsletter@carolinapoodlerescue.org.

The Rainbow Bridge



Dedicated to those who have passed over.



"Coco Bean"
Patricia Perushak--Milford, MI



"Diesel"
Dreamweaver Farms--Pacolet, SC



"Riley"
Anna Todd and Billy Rutherford--Garner, NC



The Gallery



Bailey Brennan with his new family. Bailey is one of Bella's standard poodle puppies.



ViviAnne Cooper



Mia Hamilton with her new family including a big sister from CPR, Jeze. Mia is one of Bella's standard poodle puppies.

Upcoming Events

Adoption Events!

Come out and support Carolina Poodle Rescue and tell all your friends, too! Even if you can help out for just a few hours at one event, it is a tremendous help!! And spread the word about Carolina Poodle Rescue!!

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. Bring a chair!

Please contact the event coordinator if you would like to volunteer or have a foster or 2 or more to bring.

December 7, 2013

Santa Claws Photos
Brier Creek Petsmart - Raleigh , NC
1:30pm - 4pm
(contact Jennifer Smith memstang68@yahoo.com)

December 14, 2013

Santa Claws Photos
Woodruff Road Petsmart - Greenville, SC
11am - 4pm
(contact Vicky Narde vickyn_cpr@yahoo.com)

CPR Wish list:

- Pedigree canned dog food (all kinds)
- Lowe's or Home Depot gift cards (there's always something that needs to be fixed at the Farm)

Or please visit our [Wishlist on Amazon](#) to see more items needed for Dreamweaver Farms. We appreciate all of your help!

Become a Foster and Help Give a Special Dog a Chance

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

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

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? Have you read a book or watched a movie about dogs or dog training that you'd like to review or share?

Please send your stories and/or reviews to newsletter@carolinapoodlerescue.org as well as a

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.

S.O.S.—Save Our Seniors and Specials!

Offering long term care for our sanctuary dogs has always been the commitment we have made to CPR dogs. As we've matured, those numbers have swelled and handling the costs of that has become a challenge. We are seeking a Top 10 circle of friends for each of these very special dogs -10 special friends who can donate \$ 20 per month to their care.

To see some of the dogs who are in need of sponsorship and to read their stories, please visit our [S.O.S. page](#)

Pet Food Stamps Program

The [Pet Food Stamps](#) program, a registered NYS non-profit corporation, has been created to fill the void in the United States Food Stamp program which excludes the purchase of pet food and pet supplies. In these rough economic times, many pet owners are forced to abandon their beloved pet to the ASPCA, North Shore Animal League or other animal shelters due to the inability to pay for their basic food supply and care. There are over 50 million Americans who currently receive Food Stamps, many with dogs or cats, who simply cannot afford to feed their animals, and these cherished

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.

Trupanion Insurance

With pet health care quality now approaching the same level as human care, there are more options available for the pet owner than ever before. Unfortunately, those options can be expensive. Who wants to make the decision between a few

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!



Darla Cilento

companions are dropped off at animal shelters where they will most likely be put to sleep. Many people are also forced to choose between feeding their pets or themselves.

For more information, please visit the [Pet Food Stamps Program web site](#).



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.

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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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