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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 Sophie!

From Donna's Desk by Donna Ezzell



A different way to grow.

Animal rescue organizations can grow in many ways. Six years ago, we chose to grow by buying land and developing the building existing on that land. It's worked and today we can take in, rehabilitate and find homes for three times what we could before Dreamweaver Farms became a reality. Today, we need to grow again. We are looking at many ways that can happen and one of them involves many of you.

On May 12, we'll have our first training weekend for our newest program - the rehabilitation home. On that date, we'll have our first training weekend for our newest program - the rehabilitation home.

CPR has always utilized foster homes, and the majority of our foster homes are adopters who stayed to help. It was a "you want to try it, okay here you go" OJT training program, and I watched many a good person with great intentions wash out after the first or second try. It's hard, this fostering thing, harder than it looks. It takes patience, tolerance and a willingness to see the good that is inside a dog, a dog probably behaving badly at that moment.

After all the work and watching the sometimes miraculous turn arounds, it then takes someone with a huge heart and an eye for the bigger picture to then take the results of all that hard work, a well-behaved, happy and stable dog and hand the leash to a complete stranger.

We're looking for a few people who have what it takes.

Our sanctuary is large, bustling, noisy and busy. If you have not been for a while, come visit. You'll see a whole lot of dogs having a great time, playing and being part of the pack. Those are the ones who thrive on the routine, who are grateful for regular meals, and for whom our structured schedules are made to order.

And off in the corner, you'll see one that isn't having such a grand time. Perhaps it's the noise. Perhaps it's the lack of individual attention after being a pampered pet in someone's home. Perhaps it's a physical issue like cataracts that keep them from seeing the right way to go or heartworms that needs a quiet place to recover from.

For the very sad ones, it's a dog that doesn't trust humans at all. We're necessary evils, bringing food and water but little else good in their lives.

All of these last ones need a safe place to recover. Sometimes the recovery is of the body. Sometimes it is deep inside the soul. No matter what, they all need a person to take them, and only them, out of the mainstream and focus on exactly what that dog



Sophie is a delightful approximately 11-year old toy poodle with controlled diabetes and a mild thyroid condition. Unfortunately, her family is being reassigned overseas. They are concerned that the quarantine requirements and travel will be too stressful for Sophie and have asked CPR to try and find her a new home.

She is a lovely girl who loves children, tolerates other dogs (not bouncy puppies), will sit on your lap forever if you let her, and follow you everywhere. If you have a place in your heart for Sophie and want to make her a part of your family, please email Debi Raby at debi@carolinapoodlerescue.org. Let's find this beautiful girl a new family to love!

Sponsorship Dogs



Meet Elton John

Elton John was found as a stray just outside of Memphis, TN. He was listed as a labradoodle in a rural Tennessee shelter which is how we found him. As he made his way to Dreamweaver Farms, he stayed with a family in Knoxville who has a Portuguese Water Dog and they realized that was what Elton is too.

Elton has a dislocated front right shoulder. If we can raise approximately \$300 to \$350, our vets are going to try to go in and reset the shoulder. If so, he'll be able to walk normally again.

There is a surgery spot open next Wednesday 4/18 so we're hoping to be able to get Elton onto it. Once we see if this can be corrected, and once Elton is neutered, this happy go lucky love bug will be looking for an inside home where he can be a member of someone family and much loved, never

needs.

And that is where the rehab homes come in. Foster homes provide temporary care. We are choosing to call our homes rehab homes because more than just routine care, they provide the individual one-on-one attention that each dog must have to become a highly adoptable pet. It may be multiple visits to the doctor to solve a physical issue. It may be assisting with fundraising to make sure the money is there to fix that physical problem. It may be patience, sitting for hours while a pup slowly inches closer to a calm and waiting hand filled with treats. Just as each dog is individual, so is their need.

We currently have over 25 dogs that would benefit from an individual rehab home. Their needs are many but one thing is for sure. They aren't getting better and may not get better as long as they live the way they are now. You can make a significant difference in a dog's quality of life.

If you are interested in finding out more about our rehab home training program and what is expected after the training, please contact our foster home coordinator, Debi Raby, at debi@carolinapoodlerescue.org.

Reading Dog Food Labels

The following is an excerpt from [Petfinder.com's The Adopted Dog Bible](#).

Pet food labels must list the minimum percentages of protein and fat and maximum percentages of fiber and water in the food. Ingredients are listed by weight, so if chicken is listed first, it is the largest ingredient in that product.

It's important to note that some pet food manufacturers engage in a practice called splitting, which is a way to disguise the true contents of their food. For example, if a food is comprised mostly of corn products, but the manufacturer wants the consumer to believe it contains mostly meat, it will divide the corn into two small categories, such as ground corn and corn gluten meal, so they can list the meat first, making it appear that the food is mostly meat when, in fact, it's mostly corn.

The following list will help you decipher the ingredient list on a typical dog food label. Where possible, avoid foods that contain animal by-products, artificial colors, flavors, and preservatives, growth hormones, factory farmed and rendered meat, and meat from animals that have been treated with antibiotics.

- Animal fat is a by-product of meat processing and is obtained from the tissues of mammals and/or poultry in the commercial process of rendering or extracting.
- Animal meat (turkey, chicken, beef, fish, etc.) is the clean flesh derived from the slaughtered animal.
- Animal meat meal and by-product meal is the clean, rendered remainder of a slaughtered animal once the meat has been removed. Often includes necks, feet, blood, bones, intestines, and tissue.
- Animal meat by-products are the clean, nonrendered remains after the meat and meat by-product meal has been removed. Often includes bones, beaks, and viscera.
- Artificial flavors and colors are used to enhance the look and taste of food. There is no nutritional quality in artificial flavors and, since they are not regulated by the FDA, many could actually be harmful to your dog's health.
- Ascorbic acid (vitamin C) is an antioxidant good for normal metabolism.
- Beef and bone meal is a by-product made from beef tissues, including bone, but exclusive of any blood, hair, hoof, horn, hide trimmings, manure, and entrails.
- Beet pulp is the dried residue from sugar beet. It is added for fiber, but it is high in sugar.
- BHA/BHT, or Butylated Hydroxyanisole (BHA) and Butylated Hydroxytoluene (BHT) respectively, are chemical preservatives which are used to protect dietary fats from rancidity. They are also included in human foods in the United States, though they have been banned from human consumption in many countries. Toxicity studies have shown that BHA and BHT at high levels can be detrimental to an animal's health in various ways, promoting or contributing to dry skin, dental disease, stomach and urinary carcinogenesis, and kidney and liver impairment.
- Biotin is a water-soluble vitamin, nitrogen-containing acid essential for growth and well-being in animals and some microorganisms. Eggs are a common source of biotin.
- Brewer's dried yeast is a by-product of the brewing of beer and ale. Although brewer's yeast is a good source of vitamin B, it is a potential allergen for some

stray again.

He gets along with dogs of all sizes and had no interest whatsoever in our resident cat. He loves to hang in the office and loves to romp in the fields, despite his bad leg. He's an all around even kind of guy.

A Welcome Addition



Special thanks to Beth and Bill Ray for the donation of "Little Blue" a 1988 Toyota Corolla. L.B. has been a member of the Ray family for many years and there were a few tears but the Ray's have a new car and L.B. needs someone to love him and drive him regularly. Beth and Bill, we promise to take good care of him!

Beth and Bill are from Landrum, SC. They adopted Beau in 2005 and have followed and supported CPR ever since.

Thanks so much.

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.

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.

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

dogs.

- Calcium pantothenate is a source of pantothenic acid, a B vitamin known as vitamin B3. It acts as a catalyst in the production of fats, cholesterol, bile, vitamin D, red blood cells, and some neurotransmitters and hormones.
- Choline chloride is source of choline, a member of the B-complex group of water-soluble vitamins (vitamin B4).
- Copper is an essential trace mineral. The metabolism and functions of copper are closely tied to those of iron. Copper is necessary for normal absorption and transport of dietary iron.
- Corn bran is the outer coating of the corn kernel, with little or no nutritional value.
- Corn gluten meal is the dried residue from corn after the removal of the larger part of the starch and germ. While small amounts can be used as a source of protein, corn gluten meal, like other protein sources, is a potential allergen for some dogs.
- D-Activated animal sterol is a source of vitamin D3.
- Dried whey is the product obtained by removing water from whey (the watery part of milk) and is a protein source.
- Folic acid is a vitamin of the B-complex that is water-soluble and essential in animal metabolism.
- Gelatin is a colorless or slightly yellow substance that is nearly tasteless and odorless. It is created by prolonged boiling of animal skin, connective tissue, or bones.
- Glucosamine hydrochloride is a compound that occurs naturally in the cartilage cushioning the joints and may play a role in preventing or treating osteoarthritis.
- Inositol is a source of vitamin B8.
- Iodine is an essential mineral element and is required by the body for the production of the hormones needed by the thyroid gland.
- Lecithin is essential for normal fatty acid transport within cells.
- Linoleic acid is an essential fatty acid found in fats and oils and helps promote healthy skin and a shiny coat.
- Manganese is a micromineral and is necessary for normal bone development and reproduction.
- Natural flavors are minimally processed flavor ingredients that do not contain artificial or synthetic components.
- Potassium is an essential mineral that plays various roles in metabolism and body functions and assists in the regulation of the acid-base balance and water balance in the blood and the body tissue.
- Rice gluten meal is the dried residue from rice after the removal of the larger part of the starch and germ. Rice gluten is an option for a dog who is allergic to wheat or corn.
- Sodium selenite is an essential trace mineral and an important antioxidant nutrient.

Last Will and Testament of a Pet

Before humans die, they write their last Will & Testament, give their home & all they have to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask . . .

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give:

- My happy home.
- My bowl & cozy bed, soft pillow and all my toys.
- The lap, which I loved so much.
- The hand that stroked my fur & the sweet voice which spoke my name.

I'd Will to the sad, scared shelter dog, the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope and give MY place to HIM.

This is the only thing I can give . . . The love I left behind.

--Author Unknown

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.

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

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.

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!"

Special Call for Donations

We can use a little bit of help. We have had several dogs in the vet this past week. We are talking about \$1200 worth of vet bills in one week.



Max, a senior Cocker Spaniel, had recurring ear infections so badly that one of his ears was amputated and the ear canal closed. Max is not responding well to oral antibiotics so he's staying so he can get intravenous injections and several deep cleanings, under sedation, when needed.

Fresca is a senior poodle mix who was turned in to the Abbeville shelter when her owner passed away. Our vets are not sure exactly why she has chronic congestion and it is most likely an ongoing condition. A bit of the mucus from her lungs was sent off for tissue testing at the end of last week to see which antibiotics will be the most effective against the infection. Her temperature is back to normal after spiking to over 105. Please say a prayer for this sweet little girl.



Prunell also had to go to the vet on Friday to treat a really bad mouth infection.

Last but not least - Basilio, a silver miniature poodle. We don't know what is wrong. He is lethargic, losing weight, and he's a happy and healthy puppy. Possibly a liver stunt.

If you could visit our [donation page](#) and make a donation toward their vet bills, it would be most appreciated. You can sponsor anyone of the the three! Just put the name in the memo section.

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!

The Rainbow Bridge



Dedicated to those who have passed over



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.

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!

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

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.

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!

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 as well as a



"Chachi"
 Andre Plaut, Simpsonville SC



"Gooseberry"
 Lisl Hampton and Eric Breit, Durham NC



"Mr. T"
 Ann and Henry Maire, Spartanburg SC

"Sweetie"
 John and Katherine Heindel, Beverly Hills FL



"Teddy Ruxpin"
 Sam and Libby Swad, Gaffney SC

photo or photos to go with the story.

More Pictures



Murphy McGowan (formerly Wayne) at the beach



Dakota Yates snuggling with his new sister, Babie



Chance Swinney (formerly Roscoe) relaxing in his new home

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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