

Carolina Poodle Rescue Newsletter

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"One by one until there are none."

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Where are they now? Caroline



In the summer of 2013, Caroline was rescued from a municipal shelter in Monroe, N.C. where she would likely have been euthanized. Her fur was so matted that you could barely tell one end from another. When Carolina Poodle Rescue was contacted, our volunteers coordinated a multi-vehicle transport in just the nick of time. She made the long trip to our farm and stole our hearts on the way with her gentle spirit.

Our first step was to groom her and rid her of her matted, twisted dreadlocks. Even after being neglected for so long, she was humble and obedient as our groomer began the arduous task of shaving her. Much to our horror, under the rock-hard fur we discovered multiple wounds teeming with maggots. The size of the wounds were shocking and the smell was unbelievable. We're unsure what caused the injuries, but her infection was so severe we feared she might not recover. Caroline was in agony from the necrotic wounds, but was demure, wagging her tail while we worked on her for hours.

After extensive medical care, she began healing physically and our volunteers started working on healing her emotional wounds. In no time, the pained and timid Caroline blossomed into a playful, outgoing girl. When her hair regrew over the wounds, it came in a different color and texture. To some they might be scars, but to us, they were beauty marks. We

celebrated her success on the farm but we knew that we had to do everything possible to find Caroline the perfect family.



Not long after she was listed for adoption we were contacted by the Creels.

They said they'd fallen in love with her picture and story. Rebecca told us that her husband Ellis sent her Caroline's photo, and she'd known immediately that it was "our dog." When they came to meet Caroline, there was an immediate connection. She stole the Creels's hearts just like she'd stolen ours and instantly bonded with the couple. They nicknamed her "Biscuit" because of her brown beauty marks, saying "She's burned on the bottom, just like a good biscuit!" We were charmed and knew that Caroline had found her family. Rebecca drove for hours while Ellis sat in the back seat with Caroline to calm her on her way home. The photos show her before and after photos of when Caroline arrived at CPR and after she was adopted.

"Biscuit" hit the jackpot! She spends her days playing with her two dog-sisters, snuggling by the fire, and chasing rabbits in her new yard. She's convinced that she's a lapdog, even though now at a healthy 50 pounds, she needs a lot of lap. She's already been on her first family beach vacation and loved romping in the surf.

This last holiday, rather than being riddled with maggots and foraging for food, she enjoyed homemade dog treats while sporting a holiday sweater. We are so happy for Caroline Creel! Her transition from death row dog to family



darling is exactly what CPR hopes to do for every animal we work with. Sweet Caroline - good times never seemed so good! [Here is a video](#) with Caroline trying to keep her new dad in his chair!

Happy Homecomings

A One-Year Anniversary for Toby (formerly Connor) from Tom and Brooke Ertel

Dear CPR,

It has been one year on March 16th since I came to my Forever Home to live with my new parents and my older brother, Tyler (a 6 year old Maltese mix). My life at Dreamweaver Farms for a year and a half was pretty good, but now I feel like I have won the lottery!

We have a warm home with plenty of room to play and run, lots of human and canine friends in the neighborhood, trips to Home Depot to see the town folks, and a special vet friend, Dr. Nicki, who takes good care of me and gives me my regular check-ups and shots. I also go there for Miss Ruth to trim my sometimes unruly hairdo. I have been to Obedience School with Jessica and think I am doing pretty well.

I was shy and timid when my family first met me, but now I have very few hang-ups and greet strangers readily. We are all so glad that they found me through Carolina Poodle Rescue! Thank you from my family!



Riggsy and Salty Dog (The Boys) from Susan and Benny Cole



I don't know if it was divine intervention, fate, destiny, or just plain luck, but our adoption of Riggsy and Salty Dog, whom we lovingly call "The Boys", far exceeds anything I can explain.

Our 19-year-old Charlie crossed Rainbow Bridge on Memorial Day of 2012. We decided to wait one year to get another dog, so we would not be comparing and trying to duplicate Charlie. As we approached Memorial Day 2013, we began looking online at poodles CPR had for adoption. We had a vacation planned for the first week of June, so as soon as we returned we submitted our application. We were promptly interviewed by Dr. Dot, a CPR adoption counselor. We had been looking online and had selected five that we wanted to meet first.

We are in North Carolina, about 150 miles from Dreamweaver Farm, but two that we wanted to look at were with Foster Mom Debi, in Sanford NC, only 18 miles from us. We decided to meet the ones with Debi before making the long trip to Dreamweaver Farm. Dr. Dot put us in touch with Foster Mom Debi by email. Debi said she would have her poodles at a Pet Smart adoption event on Saturday of the following week. We had planned to go, but Susan had just had a breast lump biopsy and did not feel up to the trip. We were devastated and felt sure the two we wanted to meet would be gone.

On Monday, I emailed Debi to tell her why we didn't get there. She said one of the dogs that we wanted to meet did get adopted, but she still had Riggsy, who was our first choice anyway and she was bringing him to an adoption event at Wake County Animal Shelter the following Saturday. She said Foster Mom Carol would also be there and had a new poodle, Salty Dog, that had not even been posted online yet.

Bright and early Saturday morning, Susan and I, being optimistic, picked up a pet taxi and started on our 60 mile trek to Raleigh. As soon as we arrived we sought out Debi. She had Riggsy and he was immediately in Susan's arms. It was love at first sight. Susan was hugging Riggsy, and Riggsy was covering Susan with kisses. All thoughts of breast cancer suddenly gone. Then I heard someone say "this is Salty Dog." There stood Carol with this beautiful, proud-looking poodle. He and I bonded just as quickly as Susan and Riggsy. I looked at Susan and said "Can we have two?"

We were the happiest new parents you have ever seen. Within a month after bringing "the boys" home, Susan underwent two surgeries and a cardiac arrest. The boys have been a God-send as Susan recovered and has been going through chemo and radiation. Not a day has gone by that the boys have not given purpose to our lives. They have been so much comfort to Susan and filled her days with joy.

Even though Riggsy and Salty Dog had never seen each other until we adopted them, they were immediately like brothers. They were always together, playing, sleeping on the sofa, eating, going out to potty. Sometimes they were synchronized, side by side, sleeping, walking, standing the same way, looking the same direction. They are so funny. They are so smart and obedient. They are personalities in our small town of about 1,500 people. Everyone knows and asks about "the boys" when we are out and about. The bottom line is, each day as Susan has undergone cancer treatment, they have given us something to wake up for or look forward to coming home to. We keep thinking, how did Riggsy not get adopted at that first event that we could not go to? And thinking, if we had gone to the first adoption event, we would have missed Salty Dog. It seems it was meant for these boys to be ours. I am not sure if we rescued them, or they rescued us, but we are thankful every day that we found each other.

Even though we have only had Riggsy and Salty Dog a little over eight months, I could write a book about our precious boys. Thank you Donna, Dr. Dot, Debi, and Carol for the great work you do.



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 Juan!



Juan was turned into the Columbia shelter by his breeder along with several other poodle mixes. He's been here for a while now and the staff at the farm has no idea how he has been overlooked! Juan is a small, white, fluffy treasure. His personality is sweet and affectionate and he gets along with everyone--big or small.

Juan is a real character! Although he is 9 years old but acts much, much younger than that. He has enough energy to keep up with just about anyone. He is not house trained, however he has worn belly bands in the past and it really works for him! He is missing his bottom jaw, which is common in older dogs when they lose their bottom teeth. Don't worry - this does not affect his eating habits at all. He loves treats and he loves food! He doesn't notice that he's missing anything. He is interested in the world and in people and loves to interact. He also does well with cats. He is a sweet boy who has a lot of love to share!!

If you are interested in adopting Juan, please visit our [adoption application page](#).

Virtual Adoption Pet of the Month Meet Peanut of Hepzibah!

After the death of his wife, Peanut's former owner threw himself into work to deal with the pain of losing his wife. He knew this wasn't fair to Peanut so he turned to CPR and asked us to find a home that would bring him joy again. Because of Peanut's medical issues we have included him in the S.O.S. program.

Peanut isn't the kind of guy who will just jump in your lap when he first meets you. He takes his time. He gives new people space but eventually he approaches and wants to interact. When he first came to CPR, he was really sad. Now he seems more content but there still isn't the joy that we often see in poodles.

Peanut doesn't have a need for a crate; he sleeps very contentedly on a doggie bed. With other dogs, he generally gets along well but he won't put up with another dog being too much in his face. In his current playgroup at the Farm, he is the largest dog of his group and he does fine with anything smaller than him.

Peanut was very sensitive to touch when he first came to us, but he is doing much better now. He also limped. The groomers were having trouble touching his feet. Although a vet visit the year before, didn't reveal anything about why Peanut was suddenly sensitive to touch and limping, the vet put him on pain relievers for limping.

The pain reliever did not come with Peanut and he did not have his vet records at first so it took us a week or so to find out just what was wrong. We took Peanut to our own vet and got a firm diagnosis -- Symmetric Lupoid Onychodystrophy or SLO. SLO affects many adult dogs and before you consider adopting Peanut - please read the following article: <http://www.dermatologyforanimals.com/faq-49/>

Peanut has been started on omega 3 fatty acids and previcox to help with the pain. We have the appropriate Vitamin E on order and hope to get it in next week. He is also now on a grain free food (Canidae) and is doing well. We're hoping all of this will resolve his SLO and he can move on but, if not, the medications he is on are easy to obtain. We're hoping that the right person will come along who understands that Peanut may take a few pills but in the long run, he'll provide a whole lot of love in exchange for a little bit of support. His best home -- a single woman with no more than one other dog. A quiet home with time on the couch and some sweet walks around the block. Oh, and toys -- he loves to throw toys around and play.

Peanut needs virtual adopters!

Can't have a dog of your own? Or can't adopt another dog? Have a soft spot for old, sick or hard to place dogs? It only takes a \$20 a month donation to adopt a virtual dog! Scott needs 10 virtual adopters (sponsors) to help cover his monthly costs. The caregivers at Carolina Poodle Rescue will do the rest. Just think, without ever having to leave your home, you can have your very own online dog that will send you update emails, make Facebook posts, and be eternally grateful for your support!

Go to the donate link for instructions as to [how to donate](#).

Questions? Email: cprsosdogs@yahoo.com

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:

There is nothing like being part of a community and family of people who feel like you do about their 4 legged companions. Your family doesn't always think like you do!--Jennifer Smith

I have adopted 2 dogs from CPR. Donna Ezzell and her staff go above and beyond for each dog, poodles and other breeds, young, old, disabled dogs. In this community, we share the love we have for our dogs.--Elke Penka

I love seeing all the successes and hearing all the stories, be they happy or sad. Also I enjoy all the advice that is shared.--April Steyert

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

Introduction to Animal Communications Class



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FREE LUNCH & INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL COMMUNICATIONS CLASS

DATE: Monday, 3/20/17, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (at the CPR office, 1000 W. 10th St., Raleigh, NC)

LOCATION: CPR Office, 1000 W. 10th St., Raleigh, NC 27603

ADMISSION: Free

TOPIC: Introduction to Animal Communication

This is a unique opportunity to meet and learn from the best in the field of animal communication. Join us for a free lunch and introduction to animal communication. This is a great chance to meet and learn from the best in the field of animal communication. This is a great chance to meet and learn from the best in the field of animal communication. This is a great chance to meet and learn from the best in the field of animal communication.

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 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.



"Appa"
Michele and Todd Walker--Irmo, SC



"Bucky"
Gerry Azzata--Cedar Mountain, NC



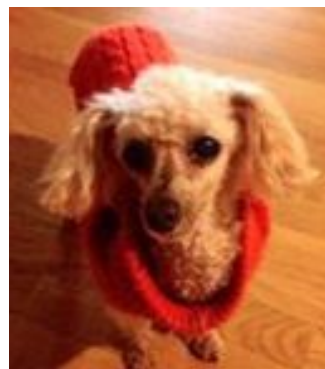
"Casey"
Dreamweaver Farms--Pacolet, SC



"Ricky"
Frank and Cindy Salzillo--Staten Island, NY



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"Zack"

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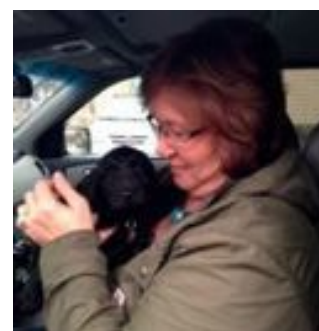
The Gallery



Maggie Mae visits a CPR event in Raleigh with her forever family.



Cooper Chilton, now 5 months old. One of Jasmine's puppies.



Abbey with her new family!



Upcoming Events

Become a Foster and Help Give a Special Dog a Chance

It is amazing to watch our foster network as it continues to grow! We completed another Foster Class in February and had 18 attendees! It was a great group of folks and several of our wonderful pups went to their new foster homes! Many thanks to each of you for opening your heart and your home.

We have tentatively scheduled the next foster class for the weekend of May 17th. More details to follow in the near future. If you would like to attend or want

more information about the program, please email debi@carolinapoodlerescue.org.

Upcoming 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.

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

April 26 - Wilmington, NCwe

9:30 am to 1 pm

Health Kids Day at Empie Park

(contact Laura Glover - ockdoc_1@hotmail.com)

May 2-4 - Raleigh , NC

Brier Creek Petsmart

(contact Jennifer Smith memstang68@yahoo.com)

Friday, May 2-- 12pm - 4pm

Saturday, May 3-- 10pm - 4pm

Sunday, May 4-- 11am - 4pm

May 3 - Wilmington, NC

"Paws by the River" at Battleship Park (more details to come)

(contact Laura Glover - ockdoc_1@hotmail.com)

May 10 - Croft State Park, SC

1st Annual Poodle Trot

Charity Trail Ride for Carolina Poodle Rescue

Games with horses in the afternoon

Cost: \$25. (includes lunch)

Dogs are permitted on leash in the park. Current negative Coggins required.

If you have a horse, please mark your calendar and join in on the fun.If not please consider volunteering. Lots of things need to be done before, during and after the ride. (Registration, food runner, games judges, etc) Please call Diane Wood at (910) 822-0285, or contact her at Deewqh@aol.com if you can help on May 10th. More info to come.

If you live in SC or southern NC or within a two hour drive of CPR and can put flyers in your local feed/tack stores, this also would be very helpful! Let's all make this a special event to support our CPR kids/poodles.

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!

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

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.

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.

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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!

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!

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 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](#).

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 dollars and their beloved companion?

Want to protect your wallet and your pet and help CPR at the same time? Go here -- and see if [Trupanion](#) has something to offer you.

Any time a web visitor clicks this custom link and applies for coverage, CPR earns \$25. [Trupanion](#) offers the only 90% coverage plan for covered items. That's right - 90% coverage with no limit after your deductible is met. 90%. That is the most comprehensive health care plan in the industry.



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.

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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