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One of the beautiful cats from
A-Way with Cats Rescue

THE WAG MAG



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL!

The year 2013 in review

Submitted by Janet K. DeCraene, President

Another year is about to end, with a new one right around the corner. It is time to see where CSR has been and where it is going. The year 2013 brought about many changes.

We began the year with a beautiful, new logo. Julia Fowler, a friend of CSR, designed the logo and we are so pleased with the results.



Most of the cocker spaniels we took in this year were surrenders from private parties and from shelters. Cockers are not as popular as they once were, so there are only a few cockers being released when their breeding days are done. In past years we have taken in more breeder releases than surrenders, but the trend is changing. Personally, I would not like to see the breed disappear, but continue to be a sweet, fun-loving breed that is very family-friendly.

A-Way with Cats Rescue

The year 2013 brought about many changes. In January we opened a new chapter within our CSR family. We began rescuing cats which were homeless due to no fault of their own. The name of the rescue is A-Way with Cats Rescue. We only take in as many cats and kittens as we have room for at the PETCO Adoption Centers in Stillwater and West St. Paul. During the first 10 months of this year we sent 22 kittens to a sanctuary near Milwaukee and have had 46 adoptions at the PETCO centers.

The total intake for the first 10 months was 68 cats and kittens!

Visit us on our Facebook site.
www.facebook.com/A-Way-with-Cats-Rescue/475575285823650

Golden Age Cocker Retirement

CSR made Golden Age Cocker Retirement an official chapter of Cocker Spaniel Resources, Inc. It is specifically for dogs which are elderly and/or need expensive medical procedures. In the past Golden Age has been rather loosely put together. In 2013 we began actively seeking retirement homes so more elderly or medically-in-need cockers would have a rescue to go to for help. CSR is pleased to say we have many repeat retirement homes. This means the service to our retirement cockers is so excellent that families choose to host another needy cocker when their elderly cocker passes over the Rainbow Bridge.

We have 23 cockers in our Golden Age Cocker Retirement.

**Give you and your family a living Christmas present.
ADOPT ONE OF OUR CATS OR COCKERS!
It's the true gift that keeps on giving!**

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Surgical Successes



Onyx before surgery.



Preston



JJ recovering the first night after surgery.



Reddy before he had his eye removed.



Chip with his special "post-surgery haircut."

Rescue Area Gets Bigger and **BIGGER** in 2013

Cocker Spaniel Resources (aka Nic of Time for Cockers) continued to rescue cocker spaniels from the Upper Midwest. Okie Dokie Cocker Rescue out of Oklahoma has scaled way back for intaking cockers. Due to this scaling back CSR has picked up their territory for rescuing. **This means CSR goes all the way down I-35 to Oklahoma for rescuing cocker spaniels.**

This year six cockers came from Oklahoma, six from Kansas, and the rest of the 66 cockers came from the Upper Midwest.

SURGERIES AND RECOVERIES

This year we learned about the serious surgery of ear ablation. We had seven cockers come to us with severe ear infections which needed to have expensive surgeries to be pain free. Most of the causes for this serious ear infection are hereditary.

Ablation surgery to fix ears surgically costs between \$1,500 for one ear to \$3,500 for both. Fortunately, CSR has a wonderful veterinarian who volunteers her time so the only cost is for the actual surgery.

ONYX

Onyx is a five-year-old cocker who came to CSR as a scared breeder release. His ears were never cared for very well plus he had the hereditary gene predisposing him to this painful ear problem. After a year of cleaning and antibiotics, he had a successful double-ear ablation. Onyx is now a totally different dog.

PRESTON

Preston is a three-year-old who was going to be put down before CSR was contacted. The family could not afford the ablation surgery. Six months after having ablation in both ears, Preston is a certified therapy dog.

JJ

JJ is an 11-year-old cocker whose family died. He and Snickers, his brother, were sent to CSR. JJ had chronic ear infections for many years. He had one ear ablation and is doing just great with his new family.

CHIP

Chip, a 10-year-old cocker, had ablation in both ears also. He appears to be sporting a mohawk since the surgeon saved Chip's ears completely and left the fur on top of his head.

REDDY

Reddy came from Kansas with his brother, Ruff. They were always running away so the owner surrendered both of them to CSR. Ruff was adopted by his

foster family, but Reddy needed to have ear ablation so it took longer to get a forever family for him. Reddy not only needed ear surgery, but also had to have one of his eyes removed due to glaucoma. He has a wonderful home since his surgeries and is very happy.

CHARLEE

Charlee, a 12-year-old cocker spaniel, came to us from a family who lost their home and had to move into an apartment where no pets were allowed. Charlee also had to have ear ablation. Charlee is happy again and playing with toys like a pup.

HUFFY

The last dog which had an ear ablation is Huffy. He is an older cocker spaniel which found was found during the winter along the road. He was covered with snow-packed fur. He has an inoperable hernia and needed the ear surgery. He could not have the hernia repaired due to the need for reconstruction, along with bone and tissue grafts.



Huffy

**“If you want
the best seat
in the house,
move the dog.”**

**You can donate to CSR
AND NO MONEY OUT OF
YOUR POCKET!**

Doesn't get much easier than this. Just use these websites and enter "Cocker Spaniel Resources" on the charity line. If you bookmark them, it just takes a minute and each time you use these sites CSR receives a penny from them. May not sound like a lot, but it adds up. For instance, if you just did 10 searches a day, you'd have donated \$36.50 at the end of the year! Get 100 people to do that and we have \$3,650!

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SWEETIE PIE

Sweetie Pie came to CSR from Kansas. She had been tied to a post at the local Kansas humane society during a rainstorm. She had heart failure and huge tumors hanging from her belly. These have to be very uncomfortable. Her foster mother made a shirt to hold the tumors from swinging side to side. We're hoping this made her feel better. Her foster dad built a special bed for Sweetie Pie to make her more comfortable when she would sleep.



YOU CAN ALWAYS COME HOME TO CSR



In 2013 we took back three CSR cockers whose adoptive families could no longer care for them due to serious health issues. We are happy to report that two of the three have been rehomed.

PayPal Giving Fund: The Way to Fundraise on eBay

Join us at PayPalGivingFund.org for the latest items CSR has for sale. Unique items, hand-selected, hand-made, or just handed-to CSR volunteers to sell. If you have something you would like to donate to CSR and have CSR list for sale on eBay, contact us through our website: www.cockerspanielresources.org

We need a good picture, a description, and a minimum selling price. (The price you would like CSR to receive for your item.) All donations are to be sent from the seller's home. CSR will reimburse the seller for the shipping since CSR will include that in the price, along with any sales tax for items sold in Minnesota or Wisconsin.

If you're not familiar with PayPal Giving Fund, it's an organization that helps nonprofits raise funds through eBay and PayPal. And best of all, 100% of your donations will come to CSR.

YAPPY HOUR 2013

Yappy Hour was a success again this year. We had about 50 people and 48 dogs, mostly cockers. Thanks for all the help from Su Benish and her gang of animal helpers: Hunter, Lexi, Beau, Lani, Max, Hank and Sammy. Thanks also to Kim Ross for all her help. We had a great time!

SEASONAL ITEMS FOR SALE BY CSR

We have some unique gifts supplied by some of the crafty people in our CSR Family. Each item costs \$12.50, which includes tax and shipping.



•Adorable dog or cat insulated lunch bags.



•Santa pants and elf pants, along with gift bags filled with cat or dog treats and toys.



• Britz Knits stocking caps. Hand-knit with soft Malabrigo wool yarn.

**A fur coat doesn't mean
your pet will stay warm.**

HYPOTHERMIA IN DOGS

Despite their thick fur, extreme low temperatures can cause a dog's body temperature to fall. With the frigid weather that we've had, hypothermia becomes a risk for our dogs, especially if they are small, short-haired or wet. Our pets are indoors most of the time so it's easy to forget that hypothermia can happen to them. Dogs are comfortable in temperatures from 30° to 80°. Circumstances can change, however, and a dog left unattended outdoors, or one which gets wet, can be subject to hypothermia. Hypothermia occurs when the body temperature becomes too low for normal functioning.



If your dog has been exposed to the cold and is shivering violently, has slow and shallow breathing, a slower heart rate, or pale or blue gums, then they may have hypothermia.

Warming them is obvious, but it must be done slowly. The best way is to wrap them in warm blankets or towels that have been in the dryer for a few minutes. Do not place hot water bottles or heating pads directly on the dog. You could burn their skin.

Hypothermia is nothing to take lightly so get them comfortable and then call your vet to get further instructions.

Frostbite occurs when a part of the body freezes. It often accompanies hypothermia. **Frostbite tends to involve the tail, ear tips, pads of the feet, and scrotum.** These parts are the most exposed and least protected by fur.

Frostbitten skin is pale white or blue. As circulation returns, it becomes red and swollen and may begin to peel.

Good advice: Don't wear gloves when you're out with your dog. If your fingertips get cold, then your dog's ear tips and paws are probably also cold.

For more information and treatment advice, go to:
<http://pets.webmd.com/dogs/dogs-cold-exposure-frostbite>

SUMMARY: The rescue expenses escalate daily. We need your continued monetary support as we work to save these beautiful, loving dogs and cats. Medical costs have taken a huge bite out of this year's budget and we need more donations to pay the rest of the bills incurred during 2013.

Please remember CSR in your holiday giving.

'Tis the season to be giving...

DON'T FORGET CSR

We depend on donations to keep our rescue operation going. Although there are a lot of expenses involved, our cockers are worth every penny. Won't you send us a donation this holiday season? (Actually, we believe in equal opportunity so we'll gladly accept donations any time of the year.)

To send a donation online

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We accept PayPal.

To send a donation by mail

Please complete this form and send it with your check to:

Cocker Spaniel Resources,

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Hudson, WI 54016-0822

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In memory of _____



From the
CSR Family



**Just a few of our cockers who found forever homes
in 2013 ... all made possible by your donations.**