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A Word From Our President

Molly Peterson, Pres of CCHS and Director of CCHS and Rockwall

Can you believe that the year is almost at an end? Halloween is around the corner and before we know it our streets will be dusted with winter flurries. While the weather will be nice, be sure to keep your pets well secured in your homes and yards as stray animal intake at local shelters is at an all time record high. Inside this issue of Paw Print, you will read all about the upcoming Gala and silent auction gifts. Also featured is the horrendous rescue of Justice and Apollo who lived at the hands of a "rescue gone bad" for two years. Heartwarming stories about two Chihuahuas and a Basset who needed life saving surgery. Read on about helpful info for pet-friendly hotels, and more.

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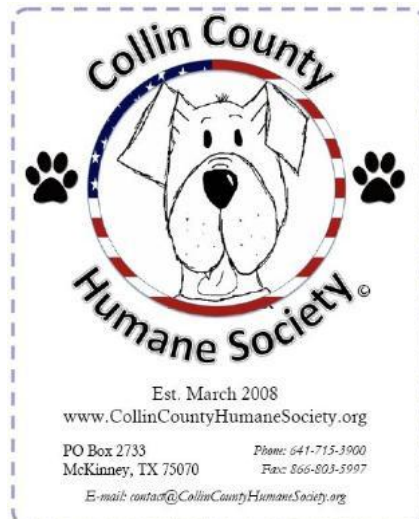
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The event will be held at [Dallas World Aquarium](#). A cocktail hour with live steel drum music playing in the background, served appetizers, drinks and a silent auction will kick off the event prior to dinner. All guests will have the opportunity to bid through use of cell phone applications or the many iPads that will be scattered throughout the venue (via services provided by AES Auctions) so you will always know if you are the highest bidder!

Guests will be seated and enjoy a delicious, three course meal served to them with wine service throughout the dinner portion of the event. Presentations during dinner include Guest speaker Gus Hinojosa who will be highlighting a slide show about the progress on the new Adoption Facility followed by the President and Founder of American Dog Rescue Arthur Benjamin. After the speeches, last year's winner of the **Justice Award**, **Scotlund Haisley** and his **Animal Rescue Corps** team will present an award to the **Texas Humane Legislation Network** for going above and beyond in their work saving animals in Texas.

Next, professional auctioneer Louis Murad will lead a video presentation of each Live Auction item to help raise money for our cause. Guests will receive parting gifts as they leave the event filled with complimentary items from sponsors and donors for the Gala.

All guests must pre-register for the event. Seating is limited so act fast! Tickets are \$150 per person or \$250 for a couple. VIP tickets and Sponsorship Opportunities are detailed below. Tickets include two drink tickets for beer/wine, appetizers, three course meal, validated parking, a parting gift, and a chance to win one of many wonderful items in the silent and live auction.

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- Park Cities Utah Condo - 1 Week Stay April 1 - November 1
- Naming Rights to the Black Dog Run CCHS Adoption Facility
- Golf for 4 people and a Night for two couples with Breakfast at the Westin Stonebriar
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- The Boardroom Men's Salon (Signature Service)
- Photograph Session with Teresa Berg
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The Story of "Apollo" a Spindletop Survivor

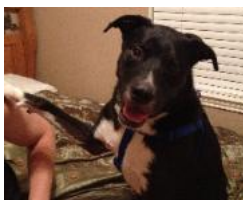
By Heather L. Bass

Apollo's life began by being left in a box with his mother and 9 siblings in sub-freezing weather in January 2010. Him and his family were taken into the CCHS Foster Program and Apollo was adopted to a Family who later changed his name to Wylie. He was returned to CCHS when he was a year old due to looking like a Pit Mix and they told us he was aggressive. The family had been using a shock collar on him and for obvious reasons that did not work as a training tool. CCHS made the decision to move him to Spindletop. This establishment was chosen because of their ability to board, train and help get pit mix dogs rehabbed and adopted at such a rapid rate. A pilot donated his time to fly to McKinney airport to get him and bring him to Conroe TX where little did we know he was going to live in hell for the next 1 1/2 years. Spindletop was raided in July 2012 where it was found that 300 dogs were living in unthinkable conditions. CCHS waited for over a week for confirmation that Wylie was among one of the dogs that was still alive and was identified through a Micro Chip to be a CCHS Dog. At that time a plan was set into motion to get this boy back to CCHSCCHS



Apollo's journey back into CCHS Foster Care began on July 25 with 3 volunteers offering to drive him to different drop off locations to get him to my house in Frisco. I remember when I got the e-mail letting me know he would be arriving that evening. I started thinking what do I need for him (I had no idea how large or small he was going to be), how is he going to look, what is his behavior going to be like. How damaged might he be having lived in unthinkable conditions for the past year and half. We were preparing ourselves for the worst case scenario.

At 8:20pm Lara Pitek pulled up and all these emotions were running through me, I could not wait to see him. When she opened the back gate to her truck there he was in his crate sitting there staring at me. The first thing I said was, "You have your sister's eyes"; He took some treats from my hand and gave me some kisses. We decided to open the crate and get his harness on him. He walked out and we were face to face, this was a defining moment for me, I had no idea what he was going to do. The next thing I knew I was getting tons of kisses from this boy. It was at that instance I knew everything was going to be ok. After a walk around the block he came inside and met our dogs and quickly went into our bedroom where I started looking him over. He was a thick and muscular boy; you could see he had not missed any meals. He just wanted to be petted and loved on, and then he started bouncing around to play. My husband came in to check on us and as I said Wylie is doing great. Jeff told me; "We will not be calling him that. He was named Apollo by his first foster mom and that is what we will be calling him. Everything bad that happened to him in his life he has been called Wylie. This is a new day for him and Apollo is his name! So it was decided then that he would go back to the name Apollo (Greek God of Healing). How very fitting for this boy that despite how his life has been he healed himself from all the bad to see all the good!



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That night Apollo and I slept in a separate bedroom from the rest of the dogs so he could relax. I had placed a dog bed in the room for him to lie on. He immediately went and laid on it for about 5 minutes staring at me. I took pictures of him to pass along to everyone who was following his story. I then got into bed and Apollo got up and stood beside the bed looking at me. I told him it was ok if he wanted to get up on the bed with me. So he did and laid right down next to me where he slept all night without moving. The next morning I woke up to him staring me in the face, and once again I was getting kisses from this boy. I know in his way he was saying Thank You!



That weekend I was sitting outside watching him play, sniffing the air and listening to all the sounds that were around him. It brought tears to my eyes as I said to Jeff; "You know he is a true testament to what a dog is. With everything he has endured in his life he is not broken or damaged, he is loyal and eager to please, he has an amazing spirit and loves you unconditionally. He is Apollo!!!"





Rising Above the Injustices of Society

By Lara Pitek

Oh, if dogs could tell us their journey I am sure we would be speechless in what they would have to say. So many dogs have been through more than people could imagine and the majority of them make it through their hardships with the same loyalty and love of any other dog. They love us unconditionally and are always happy to see their "people".

The story of Justice is one anyone wishes they could hear from Justice himself. Justice was taken into the Collin County Humane Society in January of 2009. He was found in McKinney, emaciated, close to death with a collar embedded in his neck and demodex mange covering his entire body. CCHS made sure Justice received the care and medical attention he needed and was placed up for adoption. After a year and a half in the foster care program, Justice was transferred to Spindletop Pit Bull Rescue so he could have a better chance at adoption. Spindletop assured CCHS that Justice would be well cared for and with their extensive network in the pit bull community, would be in a forever home quickly. Shortly after, Spindletop brought the good news that Justice had been adopted and was doing fantastic in his home! Justice would tell a different story from the one Spindletop told CCHS. Justice would tell the story of being locked up in a cage for two years.

Justice would tell us he was not given the necessities of life and Justice would tell you the employees of Spindletop laughed at him as he went stir crazy in a plastic crate. There was one employee of Spindletop that could no longer stand the conditions over 200 dogs were living in and went to the authorities. This summer, Spindletop was raided by the authorities just outside Houston along with The Humane Society of the United States. Collin County Humane Society quickly worked to locate the three dogs they had that were at Spindletop and after several days of sitting on pins and needles, Justice was recovered and transported back to North Texas.



Justice is now in a foster home in Frisco with his foster mom who is a certified dog trainer. Today, Justice's health is flourishing and I think he would tell you he is only looking to what lies in his future. After all the injustices he has been through, he remains resilient and goofy. Justice's foster mom has fostered many dogs and rehabilitated many dogs but the personality of this sweet soul brings tears to her eyes. Justice is a complete goofball who is full of life and constantly makes the people around him laugh - constantly. If Justice could talk, he wouldn't just tell his story, he would be a stand-up comic! Justice is waiting for that perfect forever home that will love him for the rest of his days and be there to love his goofy self! Justice and his foster mom are working on training with the hopes that in the near future he will pass his Canine Good Citizen Exam, a future that will prove that even after all the injustices in society, there is no giving up on life.

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Update on Rockwall Animal Adoption Center

By Molly Peterson, President/Director CCHS

As of August 1, 2012 the Collin County Humane Society moved into the Rockwall Animal Adoption Center (RAAC). The city elected to go "no kill" in Jan 2012 at which point they contacted several area rescues about applying for privatization. A hand full of groups applied and CCHS was hired for the job! Over the last two months CCHS has been working hard to get everything at RAAC up and rolling. Our first focus was to identify all of the animals and get any needed vetting done. The challenge presented to us was the volume of ill animals of which we had to identify, treat and work to keep the illness isolated.



[Click photo to see expanded view](#)

When we arrived at RAAC one side of the facility was isolation due to half of the animals having upper respiratory infection that they had been battling for months. Due to the stress of the shelter, upper respiratory infection is prevalent but we have never seen this many animals infected. We knew right away that we had a huge undertaking but the animals were depending on us to help them heal so we set a plan in action to corner the disease and knock it out of our facility. This process involved a lot of bleach, many hands on deck and... lots of bleach! After ruining one too many outfits, it was decided that while bleach is a great disinfectant, it's not as kind on our clothes as some of the alternatives. We swapped out the bleach with chlorine spray bottles to spray down every person between handling animals along with all slip leads. Bleach buckets were placed at every doorway so anyone entering or leaving a room is required to step through the buckets to help keep any disease contained. Pressure washers with the ability to hold pet friendly disinfectants were donated to help us spray down the yards with sanitizers between the dogs having outside play time. Hand sanitizers were placed in every room and every third kennel door to help improve sanitation (if they can't find it, they won't use it was our slogan). By week three we had only 6 dogs in isolation for upper respiratory and 15 cats and 20 kittens (this was a huge improvement from the 100 ill animals that we started with on Aug 1st).

With the help of the volunteers, staff and local rescues, we are getting the volume of animals down to a more reasonable number for the safety and well being of the animals and staff. The week our doors opened Lone Star Lab rescue stepped up to take in three labs who were in isolation for upper respiratory and Bull Mastiff rescue took in an emaciated Mastiff in critical condition with a melon size tumor on his back. Thanks to donations from the community, Ponderosa Pet Resort in Royce city took in two doggies that had been at RAAC for almost a year! Pappy's Pet Lodge generously donated space for four doggies and two were adopted at their facility within days! Thanks to these rescue angels, more lives have been saved!!

The Photography studio was donated by Jack Knox and has been a huge asset to help facilitate the adoption and marketing of the animals at RAAC! If you are a photographer or know of anyone wanting to help take pictures of the animals at the shelter, just email info@RockwallAdoptions.com and we will get you all set up for shelter pet picture day. Many happy tails have occurred because of the great pics taken in the studio but we still have many pets without glamour shots that are deserving of that extra exposure!

The hardest part of working at a facility is the open door policy (meaning intake is never closed). Some of the animals are not in the best condition, while others were clearly well cared for but for one reason or another the family has decided to turn them over to the shelter. We give them resources for rescues to help take in their pets or organizations that assist with pet food and vet care... and while a hand full take the advice and make an attempt to keep their pets, a majority complete their drop off and say their good byes without as much as a watery eye. The most heartbreaking was a 15 year old cat named "Kitty" whom the owner had since she was a kitten; owner surrender reason was husband is allergic. While I'm sure the decision was hard on her, we



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had to see a scared, depressed and confused cat curled up in the back of her cage every day. Pleas were put out to help sweet Kitty and we are happy to announce that she did find her forever home two weeks after setting up residency at RAAC.

The journey at Rockwall Animal Adoption Center has certainly had its ups and downs. It is a much different world then being in the comfort of our homes and able to give the animals all of the attention they are craving. It's a tricky balance between what we want to do and what we can do. With this many animals we have to be always cautious of cross contamination and the unpredictability of dealing with live animals. So while we want to let everyone in the yard to romp and play, the allotted exercise times are very well calculated, contained and controlled. We have noticed a marked improvement in the stress level of the animals with the addition of beds, toys and exercise in the play yards. Most of us take a dog, puppy, kitten or cat home with us at night to help give them a break from shelter life. This over night visit also helps us gain more knowledge about the animals to match them up with a wonderful forever home.

As the animals enter our facility abandoned, lost, injured or unwanted... we know that without our devoted team here to take them under our wing, they would be without any help at all. We march on, working to improve the quality of life and care that the animals deserve and we do the best we can to ensure that they are getting the best care possible. We learn to shrug off the people who continue to disappoint us with their lack of care for their beloved pets. Instead we look to the bright side that the animals will no longer be in a home where they are not wanted. We welcome them with open arms and look to another day where we will be able to find them the home they deserve.

While this venture has been a huge undertaking, if we had the chance to do it all over again, we would take this opportunity in a heart beat. Not for our sanity but for the animals who are depending on us.

[Click here to link to associated Rescue Poem - Do I Go Home Today?](#)



Do I Go Home Today?

By Sandi Thompson

RESCUE POEMS

My family brought me home
cradled in their arms.
They cuddled me and smiled at me,
and said I was full of charm.

They played with me and laughed with me,
they showered me with toys.
I sure do love my family
especially the girls and boys.

The children loved to feed me,
they gave me special treats.
They even let me sleep with them
all snuggled in the sheets.

I used to go for walks,
often several times a day.
They even fought to hold my leash,
I'm very proud to say.

These are things I'll never forget
a cherished memory.
I now live in a shelter
without my family.

They used to laugh and praise me
when I played with that old shoe.
But I didn't know the difference
between the old ones and the new.

The kids and I would grab a rag
for hours we would tug.
So I thought I did the right thing
when I chewed the bathroom rug.

They said that I was out of control,
and would have to live outside.
This I did not understand
although I tried and tried.

The walks stopped, one by one;
they said they hadn't time.
I wish that I could change things,
I wish I knew my crime.

My life became so lonely,
in the back yard on a chain.
I barked and barked all day long
to keep from going insane.

So they brought me to the shelter
but were embarrassed to say why.
They said I caused an allergy,
and then, kissed me goodbye.

If I'd only had some classes,
as a little pup
I wouldn't have been so hard to handle

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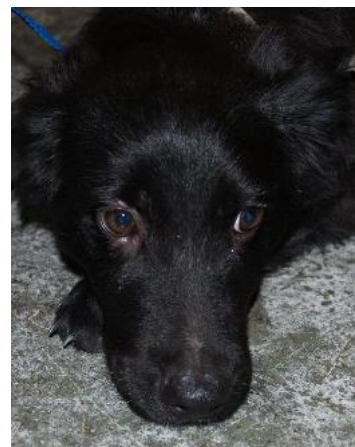
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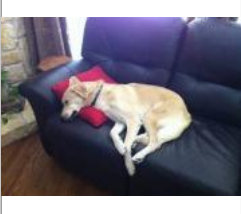


















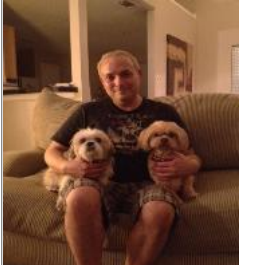
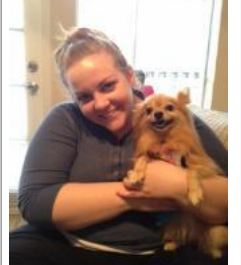
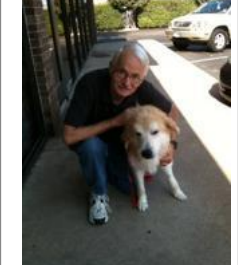
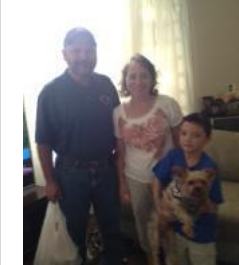
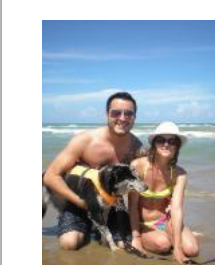





Sweet sweet Sophie is a 3 year old chi/mix who was found stray and taken to the local shelter. And when no one came looking for her, she found herself on the dreaded euthanasia list. A CCHS foster who volunteered at the shelter immediately fell in love with her and took her into the CCHS foster program where she now awaits for her furever home!





















Sophie is a true darlin' of a girl. She is an ABBBBSOOLLUTTE love bug and likes nothing better than to cuddle and take naps with her foster dad and furry siblings. She is also very quiet and gentle natured. She does great with doggies and would likely do fine with cats. And although she is good with kiddos, given her small size would likely do better in a home with older kids.

Sophie weighs about 8 lbs has been spayed, HW tested (negative), is current on vaccinations and microchipped. She is crate trained and housetrained.

If you are interested in adopting Sophie, complete an online application today at:
<http://www.collincountyhumaneociety.org/adoption-application.html>

Happy Tails

				
Will and Kate	Haley	Ruby has been captured by pirates	Macy	Khaya
				
Beasley's new family	Boo Boo and Dad.	Carli enjoying her new home	Dexter	Cochon
				
Kara	Laney and Saylor	Kozmo and The Sanders Family	Minnie	Pippa and sister
				
Bingo	Rome meets Juliet	Suri	Chance and The Bastur Family	Kailey and The Arnol Family
				
Jubilee and The Ayala Family	Rachel and Keely	Tater	Keegan and The Morin Family	Lola
				

				
Kinsley and The Triggs Family	Lodge	Wolfgang (the white and black one!)	Miles Davis and The Caudill Family	Bailey
				
Callie	Grayson	Apollo	Lexi	Josie
				
Milo	Gunner	Trudy and The Wayandt Family	Trinity	Bingo and Claire
				
Precious	Piper	Derek	Stubbs	Tesla



Pet Friendly Hotels in Texas

By Stacy Hague

Going on vacation this holiday season? Staying in Texas but have no idea what hotels allow dogs? Here is a short list of places to stay that allows you to bring your furry family member!

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La Quinta Inn & Suites Austin Mopac North
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Austin, TX
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(medium coat)**



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MOTEL 6 - San Antonio - Ft Sam Houston
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San Antonio, TX
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La Quinta Inn San Antonio Market Square
900 Dolorosa
San Antonio, TX
(210) 271-0001



Phoenix

By Kim Disharoon

Phoenix is one of the many puppies that we have fostered, but the first to truly take hold of our hearts and not let go. Phoenix has had a rough start in her little life. One day we came home to Phoenix laying among her brothers and sisters, almost in a coma. Her blood sugar had dropped dramatically. After a trip to the vet and a glucose injection, she was up and around. The vet recommended that she be fed every hour for the next couple of weeks. My husband and I alternated in taking vacation days so we could be with her 24/7. Despite our best efforts, she crashed again. Another vet visit revealed that Phoenix has a congenital birth defect called mega esophagus. Mega esophagus is a lengthening of the esophagus, making it difficult to keep food down without special methods of feeding. There are only experimental treatments available for this condition, and the vet recommended that she would have to eventually be put to sleep. That was not an option for us. This girl was a fighter, and we were not giving up. As exhausted and sick as Phoenix was; she would muster any energy she had to lift her little head and give us kisses. We felt like she was letting us know that she was going to be okay.

The very evening of her diagnosis at her regular vet, she crashed again. This was worse than before, and Phoenix was completely unresponsive. As we rushed to the ER, we held her and begged her to come back to us. We thought she was gone and we were frantic. We were not giving up on her.



The ER vets were eventually able to get her conscious again. They needed to keep her for tests, and we would have to leave her in their care for a few days. We went to the incubator to say goodbye, and were surprised to see her excitement at the sight of us. She was wagging her tail and gave us so many kisses. They had her on glucose and fluids, and on a heating pad to raise her temperature. The poor little puppy...the IV was bigger than her arm!

After the first night, the vet called us with the news that Phoenix also had coccidia. The coccidia was most likely the culprit in dropping her blood sugar levels because it was robbing her of any nutrients from her food. After a few days stay in the ER, Phoenix was ready to come home.

Unfortunately, she was still in need of an every 2 hour feeding schedule. My husband and I were unable to do it because of work. Thankfully, another foster, Barbara Dupont, offered to take her in. Barbara literally saved Phoenix. She had Phoenix for 2 ½ weeks, minus some weekends with us; feeding her and helping her grow big and strong. She helped me to learn so much about Phoenix's condition, and the things we could do to help her live a normal life.



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Duchess family



We knew that Phoenix was "our Kid" and we would never be able to part with her. We adopted Phoenix officially; and we are committed to helping her have a full and happy life. Phoenix is doing good and growing....especially her legs....the rest of her needs to catch up. We still have our challenges, and we have to feed her every 6 hours. She has to be held upright and fed with a syringe; and then remain upright to help the food go down. She is crazy hyper and playful now. It is difficult to keep her still for 20 minutes after she eats; but we try.

Phoenix is a miracle and we are thankful every day that she is in our lives. She is our little girl and we love her so much. Phoenix continues to surprise us; and I am still brought to tears when I see her play, as I never thought she would get to be just a normal puppy.





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Bitsy
By Gloria Meyer



The minute I saw Bitsy I knew she was special. The smallest puppy but the first to open her eyes, hear and walk: always on the go, inquisitive, active and absolutely adorable. Who would guess that inside that tiny body laid a terrible problem; one that would rob her of a long life if not "fixed". Her first exam discovered a significant heart murmur, so testing was done and a diagnosis of severe Pulmonary Stenosis, the most common congenital heart defect in all species of dogs. Yes, it's the same thing that humans can have; a partial obstruction of the blood flow from one side of the heart to the other, though the pulmonary artery. This forces the heart to work harder to pump blood to the lungs where it receives oxygen. Without surgery to correct the defect Bitsy's life expectancy was less than a year.

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She would need Balloon Angioplasty, much like the procedure done for humans. Due to the nature and seriousness of the surgery it would have to be done in the veterinary clinic at Texas A &M University (TAMU) with a minimum cost of \$3500. As to be expected this certainly put a crimp in Bitsy's adoption prospects. However, CCHS is committed to giving every dog in its care the best opportunity for a long and happy life. So, of course, they said we'll cover the cost. With that hurdle crossed, Bitsy was soon adopted along with her sister into a wonderful home.



Home From the Hospital

The surgery was performed on August 21, 2012 and Bitsy came thru with flying colors. Within a week she was playing as before with her sister and shows no effects of her ordeal. Four days after her surgery Bitsy's mom emailed me to say, "I can feel the difference in her heart, it sounds normal"! She will go back to TAMU in a month for one more test and if that goes well she can expect to live to be a grand old lady.



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Playing With Her Sister

Little Bitsy truly is a lucky doggie; she is the love of her new Mom's life and her sister's best play buddy. Without the commitment of CCHS, Bitsy's story would have had an entirely different ending as most likely she would soon find herself struggling to breathe instead of romping and playing with her sister and her human mom. While CCHS was able to raise funds to cover a portion of the cost for Bitsy's surgery, most of it had to come from their operating funds. But money is just a number on paper and Bitsy is a living, wonderful puppy with a new lease on life and that's more important.



TAMU Doctors



Rosie, The \$3000 Dog

By Gloria Meyer

I prefer fostering dogs that need special care and TLC. So, when I saw Rosie's email, I thought "I will help this dog". But the day I met Rosie, I thought, "Oh My, what have I gotten myself into"? And so began Rosie's and my journey, one I don't think I will ever forget.

Rosie is a beautiful Basset, found as a stray in deplorable condition. She was nothing but skin covering bones; dehydrated from a severe hookworm infestation that was destroying her intestines and causing her to have terrible diarrhea and vomiting. Because she was unable to get any nutrition from the food she ate she was 20 lbs. underweight. She was also very anemic with blood work in the danger zone and she was heartworm positive.

We began a regime of medications and a diet of boiled chicken and rice. Then more medications, a scary late night trip to the emergency animal clinic for intensive fluid therapy and a new diet plan began to make a difference in Rosie. The once prominent ribs and bony backbone slowly began to disappear. She started to have some energy and a sparkle in her eyes.

Rosie was on the way to a complete recovery when suddenly she started to backslide. Her weight gain stopped and the vomiting returned. A signal something serious was going on so back to the vet we went. New tests came back with negative results leaving the only option: exploratory surgery. CCHS said, "hey, we have already spent a lot of money on Rosie so what's a little more".

Rosie underwent the surgery and when the doctor opened up her stomach he exclaimed "I have never seen anything like this before", lodged in her stomach were 12 pieces of a hard plastic trash can, some up to three inches long and more than an inch wide. Apparently in her effort to find food, Rosie had consumed something in the garbage, receptacle and all! Her poor irritated stomach was allowing only small amounts of food to pass through.

Trash can pieces removed and seven inch incision stapled closed; Rosie's recovery was almost instantaneous. Two weeks after her surgery she had gained five pounds.



Rosie and I spent another three months working our way through three rounds of difficult heartworm treatment but finally everything was good and Rosie was ready for adoption.

It was an arduous journey Rosie and I had. There

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were days when I thought I couldn't do it any longer and I am certain she felt the same way. But, almost 10 months to the day I said hello to Rosie, I waved goodbye as she drove off to her new home where she is much loved. Rosie was a very lucky dog to have found her way to CCHS; she would not have survived without their care and commitment. But caring for dogs in need is what CCHS does best.



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Evelyn Bailey – CCHS Treasurer

Evelyn, a native Texan, grew up in Irving and has always lived within a short distance of the DFW area. She graduated with a BA in Accounting from the University of Texas at Arlington and is currently a Manager of Finance and Human Resources. Evelyn was very active in youth related activities while raising her one daughter, serving as a homeroom mother, President of the PTA, Girl Scout leader, Community Manager for Girl Scouts, School Parent Advisory Board member, and drill team concession stand supply coordinator. Her husband of 21 years passed away in 1990 forging an even closer bond with her then 16 year old daughter.



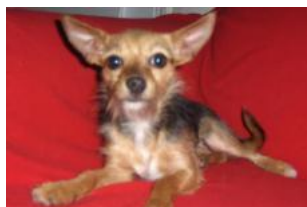
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Mason

She has been a dog lover her entire life enjoying the company of a family pet most of that time. Her first experience in rescue occurred on Jan 1, 2001 when she helped search and successfully locate a beloved fur baby. A dear friend and co-worker contacted her to say she might not be at work on Jan. 2 because one of her beloved Shelties had been missing for three days and they had searched endlessly with no sleep. While she and her husband had gone out of town for the day someone had come through the neighborhood opening gates. Their babies had a doggy door and could go into the backyard as needed. One stayed in the house, one was on the front porch and the third was missing. She had been spotted many times but would not allow anyone to get close. This baby was a senior and temperatures were expected to be in the teens that evening; way too cold for her to make it through the night. Evelyn told her friend she was on her way to help search. She was joined by her daughter and niece. She was driving slowly down an alleyway with the windows down about 10 minutes before dusk when they heard a Sheltie bark. All three got out of the car and there she was in a drainage area, bedded down for the night looking like "what took you so long". She was unhurt and ready to go home. One quick phone call later she was in her daddy's arms getting hugs, kisses and tears of joy. Dad said they had searched that same area many times. Mom was at the hospital emergency room with a migraine from stress and lack of sleep. All were overjoyed! Nothing can describe the emotions and warm, wonderful feelings that fill your heart when you help a fur baby find its way home. When that home is with dear friends the emotional reward is enormous!

This experience was a turning point in Evelyn's life. She had been thinking about getting a dog for several months but was undecided whether to seek out a rescue or a breeder. During the search she met a member of a dog rescue group who had participated. Within a few days Evelyn reached out to that same rescue group and soon became an adopter and foster volunteer.



Sara



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Wyatt

A couple of years later Evelyn had to take a hiatus from rescue for health reasons. She became active in rescue once again in 2005 when both she and her daughter, Dana, joined a dog rescue group across town. In 2011 both decided to look for a group closer to home and after some research jointly decided that they wanted to be part of the CCHS team. As foster volunteers they share a passion and love for dogs. Seeing the look in a foster baby's eyes change from fear and uncertainty to love and trust is addictive and a feeling only another foster volunteer would understand. In 2012 she accepted the position as CCHS Treasurer and volunteers her time as the accountant for the group. Evelyn's personal fur babies, all rescued dogs, generously share their mom and home with an ever changing selection of foster dog playmates. In addition to fur baby rescue her interests include reading and genealogy research.

**Sandy****Harley**



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Paws and Tots Festival and Adoption Event - August 18, 2012

This event was held at Greenville Elementary School 550 Trinity Drive in Allen. In addition to CCHS doggies and puppies for adoption, a petting zoo complete with pony rides and hands on exhibits were a real crowd pleaser! CCHS in collaboration with Greenville Montessori School also provided food, snacks, craft tables, and two bounce houses for the kids! A great time was had by all!!!

Check out more photos from [Celeta Bettison's Dropbox](#) Photos and also Amy [Chizk's Shutterfly](#) Photos.

Thank you Celeta and Amy for taking such awesome photos of the event!!!



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Duchess and her Babies

Duchess's story was so compelling we decided to run it again. In the Summer Newsletter we presented Duchess and her family. Her story touched everyone's heart. One by one Duchess watched as her family was adopted into new forever homes. She is proud her babies all have new homes, but she misses them so much. Her foster home is a great place, but Duchess is still looking for her forever home.

[Click here to re-read her story](#)



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