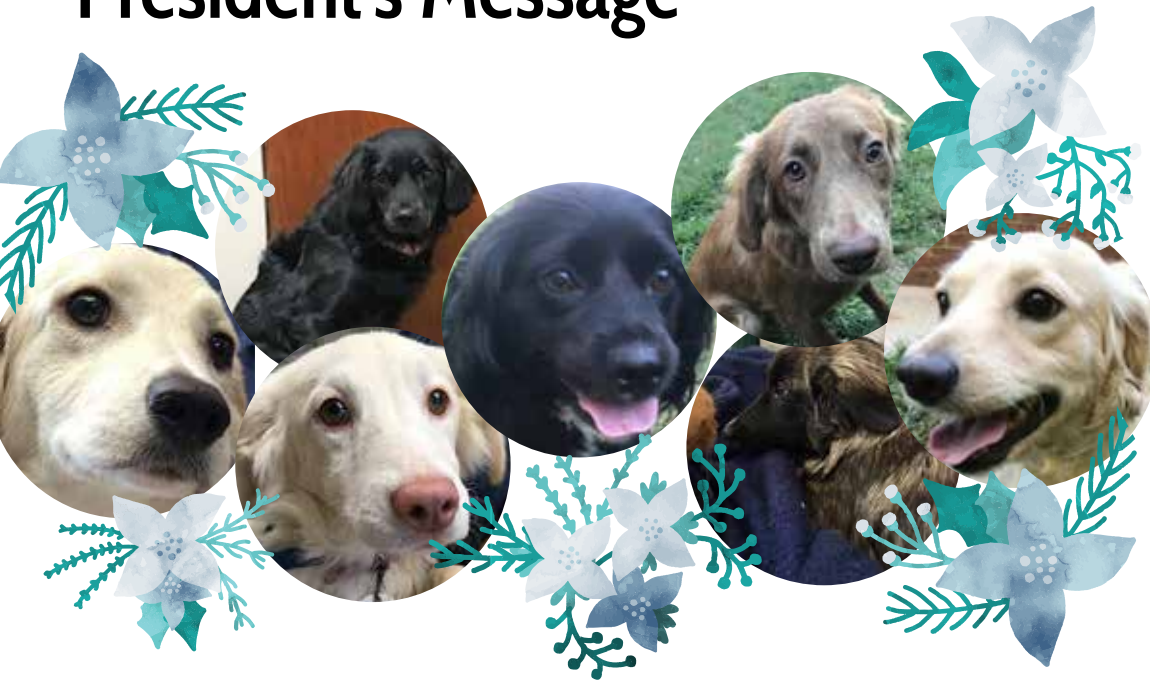


## President's Message



### 3 easy ways to donate!

- PayPal & credit card via the OBG website: [www.cockerspanielrescue.com](http://www.cockerspanielrescue.com)
- Donate by check - see page 4
- Sign up for the GiFT program with a monthly donation

## Dear Friends,

Do you ever wonder how and why people give up their dogs? The “how” is what shocked me when I first started volunteering with OBG. While some owners care enough to contact a rescue or take their dog to a shelter, there are far more people who simply abandon them, leaving their dogs to fend for themselves with a slim chance of survival. As for the “why”, that’s something we’ll never really know for the stray dogs, but often the deplorable physical condition of these poor dogs speaks for itself. As for dogs surrendered by their owners, some stories are heartbreaking, but others are frankly infuriating. Please read on to learn more about some special OBG dogs, why they ended up at OBG and how YOU can help them with your tax deductible donation.

### Eddie - An Oldie But A Goodie that Needs YOUR Help!

Edgar (aka Eddie) is a classically handsome, 10 year-old buff-colored cocker spaniel who lived



Eddie

indoors much of his life. Then, for some inexplicable reason, his family kicked him outside to live and then, even worse, surrendered him to a shelter. Maybe that was a blessing in disguise, since now he’s living the good life with his foster family - inside, of course. Apparently no one ever told Eddie that he’s a senior, because he loves to play with tennis balls and toys; he’s discovered balls his foster parents didn’t even know they had!

When Eddie came to OBG, he had every type of worm that a dog could possibly have - the quadfecta of hookworms, roundworms, whipworms and life-threatening heartworms and his initial vet bills totaled over \$1,400.00. He successfully completed heartworm

treatment, but his health battle didn’t end there. After additional x-rays and an ultrasound and still no diagnosis, Eddie needed a \$2,000 colonoscopy in hope of answers. The colonoscopy results came back “highly suspicious” for cancer, which means Eddie needed a \$3,500 surgery to remove the colon mass which we hope will improve his quality of life and he’ll be cancer-free. He will also need continuing medical care even after his surgery is completed. Thanks to all of you who donated previously and supported the Howl-O-Ween Hayride fundraiser for

## Winter Fund Drive

Our Winter Fund Drive kicks off on **Giving Tuesday** (November 28th) with a special one-day Mini Match. A group of generous donors has agreed to donate up to \$7,500 to match every donation up to that amount - that could mean \$15,000 for the dogs saved by OBG! Every dollar counts - \$25 becomes \$50, and so on. The Winter Fund Drive runs through December 31st.

## Shop online and help OBG



Click on the Amazon Smile link on our website and OBG receives a

percentage of your purchase. We have raised over \$5,200 to date. You can also set it up to donate to OBG when you shop this holiday season!

Eddie, we raised money towards his care, but since we anticipate that his vet bills will reach \$10,000.00, he could still use your help. Can you please make a donation today to help OBG get Eddie get the medical care that he so desperately needs?

### Mary Jane - on "Death Row" because of her Diabetes

Sweet, Friendly, Playful, Lovable, Funny, Cuddly - I could write this entire letter just consisting of adjectives that describe my amazing four year old foster dog, a spaniel mix named Mary Jane. Sadly, her prior owners did not treat her diabetes and, when she became sick and needed them the most, they surrendered her to a high kill shelter. Near death's door in a shelter and scheduled for euthanasia, she barely stood a chance - that's when OBG stepped in to save her life. Mary Jane is now receiving daily shots of insulin; however, as often happens with diabetes, it's been challenging to find just the right dose. Accordingly, she has to have tests done at a cost to OBG of \$70.00 a week. Her insulin and prescription food cost OBG an additional \$100.00 a month. In addition, due to her diabetes, Mary Jane developed cataracts in both eyes and was blind until the cataracts were removed - to the tune of \$2,900. The good news is that her vision is now completely restored! The bad news is that her medical bills already cost OBG thousands - and until her insulin is regulated, OBG will continue to pay approximately \$380.00 a month for her care. Can you please help Mary Jane continue to receive the monthly care she needs by making a tax deductible donation today?



Mary Jane

### Flower Pups Still Need YOUR Help to Blossom!

In October, I sent an email to all of you about seven girls (*pictured on page 1*) that had been rescued from a life of neglect, living in cages and being bred repeatedly for the sole purpose making their owners money. Their prior owners - for lack of a better word - could not even be bothered to give them names, so OBG named them Beauty, Blossom, Flower, Pinkie, Rose, Sora and Spring, altogether known as "the flower pups." These poor girls, ranging in age from seven months to three years, had very little socialization and are just now starting the slow process of learning to trust. The ones that are in foster homes are slowly blossoming and each day brings a new milestone for these girls as they learn that humans can be kind.

OBG spent over \$1,500.00 to date on the medical care for all seven of the girls. We continue to incur daily boarding costs for Blossom and Sora and are desperately trying to find foster homes for them. Each girl needs a foster home with a securely fenced yard and another, well-adjusted dog in the home, since fearful dogs often take behavioral cues from other dogs. Can YOU or anyone you know, please consider fostering one of these deserving girls so that they can get out of a kennel and into a loving home? If you can't act as a foster for one of the Flower Pups, can you please make a tax deductible donation towards their ongoing kennel costs?



Bentley before

Bentley after

### Bentley - From Rags to Riches

Although Mary Jane, Eddie and the Flower Pups are still works in progress, we are confident they will have their "happily ever afters", just like Bentley. Nine-year-old Bentley was dropped off at an animal shelter at night with nothing but a note from the owner, which indicated that he was having accidents in the house. One glance at him and there was obviously more going on. He hadn't been groomed in a LONG time, if ever. In a first (for us), the groomer even found small toys embedded in his fur! OBG spent over \$1,500.00 on his medical care and extensive grooming - and look at Bentley now! Under all those mats, he was movie star handsome. And it wasn't

just us that thought that - so did his forever family. Yes, he has been adopted! His new mom reports that he settled in immediately, completely bonded to their other dog (they feel like they "got a dog for their dog") and is a very well-mannered pup (of course, contradicting the prior owner's note). Most importantly he is a wonderful and much-loved member of their family.

As always, I want to end my letter by thanking you for everything that you do for OBG. Without all of YOU, OBG would not be able to save the lives of hundreds of dogs a year. Happy Holidays and here's to saving more dogs in 2018!

### Your Friend in Rescue,

*Teresa*

Teresa Butler  
OBG President

## Pupdates since our Summer President's Message



**Tenley** (fka **Koda**) came in to OBG a "family man" with wife and kid in tow. Now he has the chance to be a pup himself, since he was adopted! He came to see us at the Howl-o-Ween Hayride and won for "Most Original Costume" along with his fur-brother, Jensen, and mom.



**Riley** and **Sissy** are now part of a cocker trio! They join sister, **Lucy**, in a very special adoptive home - that of a past OBG president and his wife. They report that they are two of the healthiest pups they've adopted and love to fetch. And of course, they're "living the life of Riley"!

## Upcoming OBG Fundraisers

### 2018 OBG Sweetest Things Calendar Now Available!

Purchase yours for \$20 plus \$3 shipping. Get more details and orders yours today on our website.



### Holiday Auction

It's that time again! November 12-28th marks this year's holiday auction. Be sure to follow us on social media so you can see what we'll be auctioning!

**#GIVING TUESDAY** Don't forget, November 28 is Giving Tuesday! OBG will be participating in a mini matching fund drive, so be sure to donate!

### Give a Gift to a Pup

Starts December 11, visit our website for details on how you can participate.

### Santa Photos

We'll be taking photos with Santa again this year. Stay tuned for details!



July - October 2017

## Adoptions!

Sweet Missy Abell	Nelson Lee
Bayleigh Adami	Lexi Levesque
Cubby Alcalde	Tux Levine
Jake Barnes	Clarabelle Lynch
Zeus Barr	Honey Mandel
Charlie Boo Barrett	Pixie Mansell
Jason Bautista	Phillip Mazmanian
Yogi Bellamy	Stud Muffin McAndrews
Betty Benedict	Bella McCulloch
Sir Barron Bloberger	Miss Mo McHugh
Nonnie Bluestein-Rushford	Denim McLaughlin
Murray Bowders	Olivia Mulhollem
Daisy Burcham	Finn Nalyvayko
Scotty Smalls Burlimann-Lloyd	Bounce Oertly
Luke Campbell	Bentley Boy Phillips
Toddy Cooke-Silva	Jack Rambo
Teddy Earhart	Carter Renzi
Riley Boy Eicher	Charlie Restifo
Sissy Eicher	Cash Schilinski
Finley Elbert	Bentley Schreiber
Brownie Falchick	Fudge Sharpe
Harrison Gonzalez-Kriese	Maddie Spak
Cole Hafner	Lady Bug Stewart
Louie Hastings	Koda Stover
Mitzi Heikkila	Jelly Tangen
Wilke Howington-Potter	Dalia Tietze
Penny Jenkins	Muneca Townsend
Tobie Jensen	Taz Venteicher
Curls Ji	Smokey Vernan
Bentley Kahan	Darwin Vernan
Anna Dunham-Keim	Ladybelle Vuolo
Rocky Kennedy	Cubby Warwick
Misty King	Mitra Wermund
Toby Kirschner	Doodles Wiesner
Maddie Kramer	Lady Yoo
Nestle Krinsman	

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## Stay connected

Follow OBG Online at OBG Cocker Rescue



## In Memoriam

*To our fosters and alumni who have passed over the Rainbow Bridge; they are forever in our hearts.*

### Alumni & Friends\*

Melanie Abell  
 Fletcher Bachmann  
 Jules Bluestein-Rushford  
 Buddy Boy Bryson  
 Abbey Anne Campbell  
 Lourdes Carlson  
 Peanut Carney  
 Ling Carswell  
 Buffy Davis  
 Dolly Dennis  
 Sammy Doton-Brill

Marlie Edwards  
 Matthew Casey Ferguson  
 Sundance Fogleman  
 Timmy Gasparo  
 DeeDee Gay  
 Hutch Grimm  
 Duffy Holman  
 Byron Hutchins  
 Jake Johnson  
 Checkers Katz-Dowling  
 Allie Kerrigan

Fluff Kessinger  
 Ella Langhan  
 PJ Moran  
 Bentley Murray  
 Bailey-Girl Perez-Wills  
 Cookie Petersilia-Levine  
 Carrot Rambo  
 Della Riggs  
 Coco Puff Sinclair  
 Molly Tepper  
 Lily Widmayer

### Fosters:

Chase  
 Dee Dee  
 George

If you would like us to include your beloved OBG alum in our "In Memoriam" list, send an email to: [rainbowbridge@cockerspanielrescue.com](mailto:rainbowbridge@cockerspanielrescue.com). Your alum will also be included on the OBG Wall of Angels on the OBG Blog: [obgcockerconnection.blogspot.com](http://obgcockerconnection.blogspot.com).

*\*As of October 25, 2017*

## YES, I WILL HELP WITH THE WINTER FUND DRIVE!

Enclosed is my gift of:

\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$25 \$\_\_\_ (Other)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in honor/memory of (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like us to notify someone of your donation, please indicate the recipient's name:

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## WE GRATEFULLY ACCEPT DONATIONS VIA CHECK OR ONLINE!

### CHECKS

Payable to: OBG  
 Mail to: OBG Cocker Rescue  
 PO Box 30821 | Bethesda, MD 20824



### CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL

Visit our website:  
[www.cockerspanielrescue.com](http://www.cockerspanielrescue.com)  
 CLICK ON DONATE

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES!

## GIVING FOR TOMORROW

Through our Giving For Tomorrow (GiFT) program, donors with a PayPal account can establish a monthly contribution to OBG. This is a perfect way to support medical bills or to pay kennel fees if you can't foster! You may set up a GiFT subscription of \$15-\$250 a month - go to [www.cockerspanielrescue.com](http://www.cockerspanielrescue.com)

## YES, I'LL GO GREEN!

\_\_\_ I want to save OBG mailing costs and receive the OBG newsletters, President's Letters, and all other OBG correspondence via email.

Return this form or email [gogreen@cockerspanielrescue.com](mailto:gogreen@cockerspanielrescue.com) and type "Go Green" in the subject line. It's that easy.

## SIGN ME UP!

\_\_\_ I want to volunteer. Please contact me.