

President's Message



Gone, but not forgotten ♥



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Dear Friends,

Do you love finding a way to make your dollars stretch? If you answered yes, then have I got a deal for you! It's time for the **Summer Fundraising Campaign** where you get to **double your money and double the lives saved!** Many of you are familiar with our matching funds drives, but for our newbies, here's a brief explanation. A group of generous donors have agreed to donate up to \$25,000 to match every donation up to that amount. That's **\$50,000** for the dogs saved by OBG! ***This Matching Funds Drive will run from August 1-31, 2018.*** Please read on to learn how the money we raise in this campaign will be used to save lives.

Summer Fund Drive

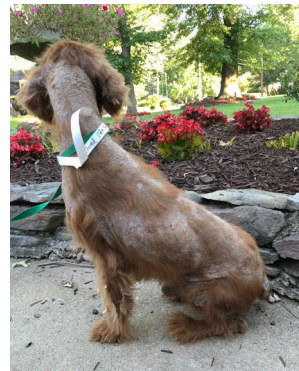
A group of generous donors has agreed to MATCH the first \$25,000 in donations to our Spring Fund Drive! So, if you donate \$10, OBG receives \$20, \$100 becomes \$200, \$500 becomes \$1,000 and so on until matching goal is met. That's **\$50,000** for the dogs saved by OBG! ***The Summer Fund Drive will run from August 1-31, 2018.***



Arnold

Arnold - As cute as can be, even during a battle with severe mange

If you are looking for a cocker mix that is as sweet as he is cute, look no further. Arnold is your guy! Even at only 6 years old, Arnold was not adoptable at the shelter because of a severe case of non-contagious demodex mange plus secondary infections which combined caused hair loss over much of his body. OBG could not let this darling boy be euthanized at the shelter because of someone's prior



Arnold

neglect, so we saved his life and immediately started treatment for his mange, skin and eye infections. He is now living the good life in his foster home and receiving medicated baths two to three times a week until his skin is clear again. Then he will need to be neutered and have a dental done with possible extractions. ***Can you please make a tax deductible donation to OBG to help with Arnold's care?***

Harper, Chelsea and Kiwi - OBG's "Girls of Summer" saved from life outdoors in the unbearable summer heat

OBG's very special "Girls of Summer" - Harper, Chelsea and Kiwi - spent most of their lives indoors. Sadly, their first owner passed away, but not before he made arrangements for his family to care for his beloved dogs after his death. Unfortunately, not everyone honors their promises and his family refused to honor their commitment unless his grieving partner could pay them \$3,000 - money he just did not have. The surviving partner has the beginnings of

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OBG's "Girls of Summer"
(Top to bottom) Harper,
Chelsea, and Kiwi

dementia and needs help to care for himself, so he had no choice but to move with all three dogs to a new location. Sadly, he was not able to keep the dogs inside with him when he moved and they were forced to live outside in a very small pen covered with a tarp. Can you just imagine how hot it must have been for those poor girls with the tarp trapping the heat inside their pen?

Fortunately for the girls, neighbors complained about the girls being outside and crying. That is when the surviving partner realized that the girls were not used to living outside and that he needed to rehome them. At first, he was not able to find any rescue willing to take three 10-year-old dogs, but then someone thought of OBG and alerted us to their plight. It took some effort, but OBG could not let those girls out in that heat any longer. We quickly worked with a local contact in the South to pick up all three girls and take them to an air-conditioned vet's office within 24 hours of first learning about them!

Sadly, upon arriving at the vet it became apparent these three beauties had not received necessary medical care in many years. In addition to routine vetting, we know now that **Harper** has many medical issues that need to be addressed. Harper is Lyme positive, has multiple mammary tumors, dental issues, skin issues, a heart murmur, dry eye and her ear canals are closed and severely infected (vet strongly suspects she will need surgery on her ears.) She is also going to be tested for Addison's Disease. **Kiwi** and **Chelsea** are in slightly better shape, but both are Lyme positive and need dentals and Kiwi has a lesion in one of her mammary glands.

OBG may learn of additional health issues as we receive results from pending tests; however, at this point, we can conservatively estimate their total bills will exceed \$5,000. **Your donations to OBG will not only help pay for our "Girls of Summer," but also make certain that we have money to pay for more senior dogs that need OBG's help.**

Theo - another Oldie But Goodie saved from "Death Row"

Ten-year-old **Theo** recently ended up on "death row" at a local shelter. While we do not know why he was surrendered, we suspect it probably has something to do with him being blind in one eye that's bulging from glaucoma and a cataract in his other eye. After consulting with the veterinarian, a decision was made to remove the eye with glaucoma, so Theo will no longer be in constant pain from the pressure in his eye. The cataract in his other eye will also need to be removed. In addition, this seems to be the year of skin issues and Theo is yet another dog who needs treatment for infected skin. His vet care will cost OBG thousands of dollars. **Your tax deductible donations will help OBG help Theo and hopefully preserve his eyesight in his one remaining eye.**



Theo

RIP Fabio, Chloe, Nalah and Katrina (pictured on page 1)

It is the hope of OBG that every dog we save will one day move on to a loving forever home, but sadly life does not always work out as planned. Some dogs end up living out their lives in a foster home where they are loved dearly by their foster parents. This was the case with Fabio and Chloe. While it was heartbreaking when they died, rest assured they really were "home" at the end of their lives, even if they were not officially adopted. Sadly, not every dog makes it out of the vet's office upon arrival. Nalah and Katrina both died soon after intake and while they were not with OBG for long, they were beautiful souls who impacted everyone who met them and their loss was deeply grieved.

Sadly, the reality is that even though these four are no longer with OBG, OBG still has to pay the vet bills for their care. **Please consider making a tax-deductible donation in memory of our four angels and to help OBG pay the bills for their vet care.**

As always, my heartfelt thank you!

There are many dogs saved by OBG each year that will never end up featured in a fundraising letter, but who have benefited from **YOUR** donations. Some of those dogs are undoubtedly curled up on your lap or at your feet while you read this letter. So, I want to thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for your donations - every dollar counts! You are the **absolute best** group of volunteers and supporters any rescue could ever hope to have and with your support and donations, this Matching Funds Drive will be another success!

Your Friend in Rescue,

Teresa

Teresa Butler
OBG President

Pupdates since our Spring President's Message



Ione and **Shawna** arrived very fearful but loving girls. Ione, now Maya, found her forever home and his thriving. Sweet Shawna (featured above) is still in need of a forever home and doing great in her foster home. Learn more about Shawna on our website!

Rocky found his forever home since our last update! Rocky's skin and ears are looking great thanks to his loving foster Mom and now his forever family. Congrats!

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers

August

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Pool Party

Olde Towne Pet Resort
Sterling, VA
Sunday, August 5, 1 p.m.

August

15

Canine Cruise

Alexandria, VA
Wednesday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.

October

14

Howl-O-Ween Hayride

Lowelands Farm
Middleburg, VA
Sunday, October 14th, 12 p.m.



April through June 2018

Adoptions!

Snuggles Abell	Star Lippay-Kyriacou
Princess Anderson	Scarlett LoCicero
Bops Aufderhaar-Murray	CJ Loftus
Duchess Aufderhaar-Murray	Rusty Maloney
Rocky Bryson	Bernie Marx
Chip Corr-Schneider	Sunny Mendia-Ocampo
Sonny Corr-Schneider	Deuce Miller
Niles Crayon-Labbe	GiGi Parry
Ione Dziedziak	Gage Paul
Shelby Forden	Sprocket Pawlson-Johnson
Brodie Gwon	Annie Pool-Ledvina
Trooper Heckman	Edgar Readal
Blue Holloway	Little Girl Reed
Barkley Hutchison	Tracker Richards
Maizie Ingles	Dilly Rytell
Taffy Iwanyk	Johnny Sobczak
Sandy Jarboe	Cammie Stevens
Lady Jeleschiff	Rocky St John
Lizzie Johnson-Eperlazza	Nyla Temple-Gagnier
Charlie Kessler	Minnie Vidal
Luke Kimura	
Martha Kirk	
Roxie Levine	

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In Memoriam

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

Alumni & Friends

Pitzer Alexander
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 Bonnie Chang
 Malachi Cohen
 Carl Colglazier
 Chipper Crayon-Labbe
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 Onyx Dolney

Molly Johnson
 Carter Law
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 Cabino Munoz
 Shakespeare Nichaman-Rodwin
 Maxwell Jr. Paulson
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 Axel Taylor
 Savannah Taylor
 Lucky Thomas
 Missy Mae Thurwanger

Chloe
 Fabio
 Felicity
 Katrina
 Nalah
 Scooter
 Wishy

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

YES, I WILL HELP WITH THE SUMMER FUND DRIVE!

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation in honor/memory of (circle one): _____

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Recipient's address: _____

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 Mail to: OBG Cocker Rescue
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