# Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue **Monthly Newsletter**

DEDICATED TO RESCUING CAIRN TERRIERS AND OTHER SMALL STATURE TERRIER COUSINS



## **Terrier Talk**

This is the second month of our rescue's official operation. So far, we have taken in five dogs, and they are getting the VIP treatment in their respective foster homes. Please visit them on our website at <u>ccterrierrescue.org</u> and consider donating to help with their dental bills. We also completed our first adoption with Susie Shug, who joined her foster family as a furever member. If you would like to be a foster home for a future CCTR dog, you can apply on our website as well.

For those of you on social media, specifically Facebook, don't forget to check out our Facebook group for Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/cairnscousins">www.facebook.com/groups/cairnscousins</a>. We encourage you to visit and share pictures of your Cairns and Cousins – we love to see pictures of your terriers!

We also are building our Facebook "business" page: <a href="www.facebook.com/CairnsandCousins">www.facebook.com/CairnsandCousins</a>. Please stop by and "like" us. We need to meet the requirements set by Meta to take full advantage of all that Facebook has to offer. All the new dogs will be posted on the group and the page when rescued and when they are available for adoption.

We also are open to suggestions for content, and we are looking for users who would like to help develop these pages. We want this to be helpful to all of you and make it worth your while to spend your time with us!

And last but certainly not least, a big shout-out to ALL the CCTR volunteers who are working

diligently behind the scenes on our website, grants, registrations, and seek and rescue to identify terriers in need.

#### Liz Romick

President, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue





Susie Shug, the first adoption

### Intakes Team: Finding dogs in need of rescue

#### By Mimi Manzler

One of the many important roles at Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue is that of the Intakes team – the process of saving at-risk dogs, vetting them, getting them into foster homes and ultimately preparing them for adoption. While intakes happen early in the rescue process, they encompass many facets of rescue and are ongoing.

Julie Greystone, CCTR's Director of Intakes and Foster Home Management, said Intakes is the "front door of the rescue," so a good attitude and compassion are tantamount to her team's work, which is time-consuming and never-ending – they're always on call.

Intakes often begin with a phone call: frequently from a shelter or partner shelter; often from the team's Search & Rescue group; and sometimes from a breeder, Good Samaritan or an individual – but intakes rarely end there.

After the initial phone call, the process begins: the situation is assessed to determine how serious it is and how fast things need to proceed; medical and behavioral vetting are done to get a better sense of the best place for the dog; and a foster family must be lined up (often harder than it seems). The process involves a great deal of paperwork and logistics.

One of the most important aspects of the Intakes team's job is building relationships and trust. Local animal shelters are looking for other 501(c)(3) nonprofit rescues to become rescue partners with – one of the essential things that Intakes does.

When a rescue has an established partnership with a shelter, it greatly simplifies things, Julie said. The hope is that when a partner shelter comes across a Cairn or cousin breed, they will reach out to CCTR. As a new rescue, CCTR is in the process of becoming rescue partners with shelters around the country.

The busy Intakes team doesn't just wait for someone to call them. The Search & Rescue volunteers on the team are hard at work scanning shelter listings, Craigslist and other sources to find dogs in need of rescue.

And let's not forget it's an emotional job. Sometimes Intakes will get a call from a family with a relative who is in the end stage of life, and the beloved family pet is not faring well with all of the medical personnel in and out of the house. A multi-hour tearful conversation might ensue to assess what is best for the dog.

Some days it's the kind of job where nothing really goes right, and some days it's the kind of job where things just line up. But every day, it's an incredibly valuable job!







### Terrier of the Month





Our first foster is ready for adoption! Riley is a 10-year-old, red brindle Norfolk Terrier/Cairn Terrier mix. He is friendly, playful and full of love and life. Riley has many talents, including such tricks as sit pretty, spin and back up. His foster family in Maryland believes he could learn more.

Riley has charmed his foster family and left paw prints on their hearts. Still, he hopes to find the perfect forever home where he will be loved and appreciated for his talents and sweet personality.

Won't you consider opening your heart and home to this special pup? For more information about Riley, go to <a href="mailto:ccterrierrescue.org/dog/21668-2/">ccterrierrescue.org/dog/21668-2/</a>

# So many ways to help!



We have an Amazon wishlist! View our list!

Explore volunteer opportunities with CCTR

Learn about becoming a foster parent with CCTR

See adoption requirements, steps, and application

Report a Terrier in Need

To read more about items we need to help us get jump-started go to <a href="mailto:ccterrierrescue.org/things-we-need">ccterrierrescue.org/things-we-need</a>

www.ccterrierrescue.org

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