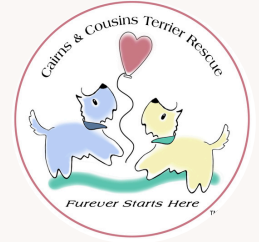


# Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

## Monthly Newsletter

**DEDICATED TO RESCUING CAIRN TERRIERS AND  
OTHER SMALL STATURE TERRIER COUSINS**



### Terrier Talk

As the third month of operations comes to a close here in CCTR, we are proud of the efforts that have allowed us to bring into the family multiple senior dogs who, through no fault of their own, found themselves needing a warm place to land. Along with accepting responsibility for their happiness and safety, these dogs often come with little veterinary history, so complete health workups are needed to rule out any existing issues. And, of course, this testing is outrageously expensive as any pet owner knows, even with a rescue discount, which is not much.

To assist in covering these expenses we have instituted the "Name a Cairn or Cousin" program, very similar to that of Col. Potter. For a \$100 donation, you can name a future CCTR dog and for \$150 you can name two! Please go to our website at [ccterrierrescue.org](http://ccterrierrescue.org) to participate and read all about our newest members of the family who are eager to join yours.

**Liz Romick**

President, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue



## Senior dogs make loving companions

**By Jane Campbell**



Are senior dogs the perfect pets? For quite a few of our Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue volunteers, they certainly are. Those who have opened their hearts and homes to an older dog have discovered the joys of adopting a senior.

Margie G. has adopted three senior dogs over the years and says that though each had a different personality they each were loving members of her family. Her dogs each came with a few challenges since they had lived in other homes and had different experiences. But each, in his or her own time, learned to settle into her home, which shows that you can, indeed, teach an old dog new tricks. Margie says there have been adventures with each of her seniors. Her latest dog, Gus, is always happy to go out to investigate things and is great with people. Ultimately, Margie thinks that a senior dog suits her lifestyle without all the puppy energy and hijinks, but with all the love and companionship a dog can offer.

Susan M. also has adopted several senior dogs and currently is the happy dog mom to 11-year-old Vinny. According to Susan, Vinny is like an Eveready battery. Always ready to go. She told me that she and Vinny love hiking and after a good hike they are just as fond of a nice snooze in the afternoon. "Honestly I can't imagine not having a senior dog in my life," Susan said.

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# Transports Team: Getting dogs to their destination

By Mimi Manzler



Once Cairn & Cousins Terrier Rescue decides to help a dog in need, the dog must be moved to a veterinarian or foster home. That's where the Transports Management Team comes in.

The Transports team works hand in hand with the Intakes Team and is responsible for getting the rescue dog to where it needs to go, whether that's to the vet, to the foster home or wherever they need to go first, according to Karen Gracy, director of Transports Management.

Since CCTR is a new rescue, the Transports team is painstakingly building their volunteer list. And those volunteers are an essential component of Transports because that's where the dogs enter the care of CCTR.

Transports needs many volunteers. Specifically, they need coordinators who do the planning and logistics – how to get the terrier from point A to point B. This can be simple and be done by one person, or it can be complex, involving several drivers, or a possible overnight stay, depending on timing, the availability of drivers and distance traveled. And, of course, drivers are needed – they may drive a little or a lot (volunteers submit their preferences). Finally, there also are monitors who are the contacts on the day of travel. They keep track of where all the drivers are and communicate the information to everyone. All three roles are vital.

Some areas of the country are more challenging than others. In particular, mountainous regions, heavily trafficked areas such as DC/Baltimore and the Eastern Seaboard, as well as Texas and the West Coast, can be particularly difficult. Nonetheless, volunteer drivers are needed everywhere.

How can you help? Right now, the Transports team's biggest need is to develop their volunteer base, so if you are interested in helping with planning, monitoring or driving, please complete a volunteer application here: <https://ccterrierrescue.org/apply-to-volunteer/>.

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Beth V. adopted Zach when he was 14 and an overweight and grumpy old fellow. She changed his diet to homemade food and got him on arthritis shots. A year and a half later, he is happier and more active. He can even do the stairs by himself now!

CCTR has several other members who have adopted seniors, including Claudia Y., who adopted her latest senior last year. She has learned a lot from her seniors and now has so much experience with older dogs that she serves as a senior mentor for other adopters.

All agree that the love an older dog gives is a joy to share.



Medium to large dogs are considered to be senior at age 7. Smaller breeds are not usually considered seniors until they are 11 years old. When considering adopting an older dog, remember that older dogs offer a quieter and calmer lifestyle for their adopters, you *can* teach an old dog new tricks and that senior you may be considering has more love to give than you can imagine. They are just waiting to share it with a new loving family. Sadly, many senior dogs in shelters or rescues are often overlooked in favor of younger dogs. However, senior dogs do make great family members and, depending on your lifestyle, could be the perfect pet for you. As Susan said, "Give me a senior dog any day!"



## Terrier of the Month



Meet Chester, a cream brindle Cairn Terrier, who is looking for his forever home. Chester is a handsome, 10-year-old gentleman who is being fostered in Arizona.

Chester loves to get outside and walk on a leash. He has some separation anxiety, so he would prefer a home in which his people are home with him.

If Chester sounds like a good fit for your family, please go to <https://ccterrierrescue.org/dog/chester/> and fill out an application.

## So many ways to help!



We have Amazon and Chewy wishlists now! Check the bottom of our [Home Page](#) to view one or both of them.

Also, make sure you check our [EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS](#)

[Learn about becoming a foster parent with CCTR](#)

[See adoption requirements, steps, and application](#)

[Report a Terrier in Need](#)

**In addition to our Chewy wishlist items, you can also donate Chewy Gift Card (or Cards)! That way our foster homes can be supplied with ANYTHING from Chewy they might need without you having to choose. Please check this option out [HERE](#).**

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