

Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue Monthly Newsletter

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



Terrier Talk

We are only a few months into the life of our new rescue, and we are seeing more cairns and cousins in need of our help. Without foster homes, however, some of these little ones will be left behind. This month's issue of the newsletter will feature insights on fostering, which is the bedrock of all we do here at CCTR. We will always need more foster homes just as we will always need more financial support. If you have been a foster home in the past or if you have ever considered being a foster home, please contact us at <https://ccterrierrescue.org/contact>.

We also are VERY pleased to announce that Riley, our first rescued cousin, is now happily in his forever home. Congratulations, Riley! You hit the rescue jackpot!

Liz Romick

President, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue



Foster Homes: The Heart of Rescue

By Jane Campbell

Fostering is an important early step in dog rescue and foster homes are at the heart of the rescue process. They are a safe haven where dogs can recover their health, learn better house manners, and regain their sense of security and self.

If you choose to become a Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue foster home the rewards are tremendous. Kathy Zottmann, a foster volunteer and member of CCTR's Foster Homes team, has fostered six dogs since 2022. Each was a single foster and they were all smaller terriers. She said there are generally two categories of dogs that come into rescue. The first are breeder surrenders or releases. These dogs are very shy and usually unfamiliar with a home setting. They are frequently good with other dogs, but frightened or cautious around humans. They are the most work to foster since they need the most training but, in the end, they offer the greatest opportunity for improvement. Kathy said these dogs gave her the greatest sense of reward as a foster mom.

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Foster Homes are Always Needed

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The second group are owner surrenders or unclaimed lost dogs. These fosters have usually come from a home setting and are familiar with house rules and routines. The hardest part of acclimating them into your foster home is that the routines and rules they once lived with may not fit your routines or rules and there is a period of adjustment until they have settled in.

CCTR has an application form on our website that foster home applicants are required to fill out and a vetting process to be completed before a dog is placed in the home. Each potential foster home undergoes a safety visit and the applicants are asked to list references to be checked. Careful consideration is given to where the foster dog will be bedded, fed and walked. CCTR does not have a requirement for a fenced yard, although that is a bonus for the safety of the dog. If there is no fenced area, the dog must be kept on a leash while in an unsecured area. We ask that you do not use an e-fence to contain the dog. These little terriers are hugely determined and can be very prey driven.

Julie Greystone, director of Intakes and Foster Home Management, said CCTR always needs responsible and caring foster homes. No matter where you live, there is a little dog who needs a safe place to land. At this moment we are in particular need of foster homes on the West Coast.

If you choose to become a CCTR foster home, you will have help along the way with our foster mentors. Our foster team is experienced and committed to the well-being of each of our dogs and will be available to answer your questions and offer advice. Fostering is a tremendously rewarding experience. Those who open their home to one of our dogs have saved a life and made it better.

Barn Hunt: A Terrier's Time to Shine

By Lisa MacDonald



If you have a terrier, you already know they are tenacious, clever, and born to dig, sniff, and chase. They are little bundles of energy. Barn Hunt is the perfect sport to channel that energy - and celebrate the instincts that terriers were bred for. Designed to mimic traditional farm work, Barn Hunt challenges dogs to locate rats that are enclosed in ventilated plastic tubing. The rats are hidden among hay bales in a timed course. Don't worry, the rats are treated very well and are actually much-loved family pets. They also have a lot of fun at these events interacting with the dogs. Barn Hunt is a thrilling blend of scent work, agility, and problem solving; all traits inherent in terriers.

However, Barn Hunt is not just for terriers, any breed is eligible to compete, but given the natural prey drive and "go-to-ground" instinct of a terrier, this sport is ideal for them. Barn Hunt also is perfect for any age - dog, or human - as well.

The courses vary in complexity depending on the level, with higher levels incorporating more tubes, tunnels, and climbing challenges.

Many clubs offer beginner-friendly events and instinct tests to see if your dog has the drive (spoiler alert: most terriers do).

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Terriers Shine in Barn Hunt Events

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Barn Hunt events are held across the country and are sanctioned by the Barn Hunt Association (BHA). Titles can be earned as dogs progress through levels, and many clubs offer introductory workshops for newcomers.

If you would like to learn more about this fun and interactive sport, and find events close to you, check out the BHA's website: <https://www.barnhunt.com/index.html>.



Terrier of the Month



Frankie is a 6-year-old male, black brindle Terrier/Doodle mix.

Described as being cute as a button, Frankie enjoys attention and being with his people.

He would love a forever home where he could go for walks and sit on his family's laps. He is being fostered in Pennsylvania.

For more information or to apply to adopt Frankie, go to <https://ccterrierrescue.org/dog/frankie/>.

So many ways to help!



REMEMBER -
Check tags and make sure your pups are microchipped.

Watch out walking the next day - there may be candy on sidewalks. Remember Xylitol (found in sugarless gum) can poison your terrier.

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



Don't forget you can Name a Cairn or Cousin with any special name you want - special discount if you select 2 names: <https://ccterrierrescue.org/name-cairn-cousin>

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