

Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

Monthly Newsletter

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Terrier Talk

As we all celebrated Thanksgiving, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue gave special thanks to all our tireless volunteers in Intakes, Transports, and Foster Homes who have given so very much to the little terrier souls we have been able to bring into our family. Each one of those remaining in rescue has one wish for the upcoming Holiday Season: the wish for a Forever Home. Each one has so much to give to a loving family big or small and while they are cherished by their foster homes, they each deserve their true happy ending.

If there is room in your heart and home, please remember that age and appearance are not the measure of all they can offer. Some are here due to misfortune, others due to being misunderstood. Whatever the reason, tail wags, cuddles, and a little mischief will surely bring smiles and laughter into your life. If you only give them a chance.

And speaking of giving ... CCTR will be participating in Giving Tuesday. On that day, Dec. 2, anyone who donates electronically through the website will have a chance to be chosen to name a CCTR rescue terrier. There is no minimum and those donating by check will not be eligible as donations must be received within the window from 12 a.m. Dec. 2 to 12 a.m. Dec. 3. There will be one winner announced on Dec. 3.

In addition, please remember to contribute to our Christmas Card Challenge. Check our website and Facebook group and page for details.



Liz Romick

President, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

On the 12 Days of Christmas, My True Love Gave to Me ... One Frankie Under the Tree!

By Lisa MacDonald



This holiday season, the greatest gift of all might just come with floppy ears, a floofy tail, and a heart full of joy. Meet Frankie, a 6-year-old, 19-pound bundle of love wrapped in a pewter-gray curly coat, ready to snuggle his way into your life.

Twelve Paws-a-Padding

Though he's not one for toys or balls, Frankie's joy comes from companionship. Foster mom says he will happily follow you from room to room, paws padding softly.

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Frankie is Waiting for His Forever Home

Eleven Treats-a-Taking

With a soft mouth and polite manners, Frankie accepts treats like a true gentleman. He's currently on a diet (foster mom laughingly reports he arrived a bit porky!), but his love for dinner remains strong.

Ten Curls-a-Knotting

His gorgeous coat is a showstopper — but it tangles faster than tinsel on a tree! Frankie needs a dedicated human who'll keep him clipped short and brushed daily to maintain his festive fluff.

Nine Dogs-a-Dancing

Frankie lives peacefully with eight other dogs. Whether it is a pack walk or a cozy cuddle, he fits right in. He does, however, lose his Christmas spirit with cats, and because of his size and exuberant personality, foster mom feels small children would be a no go as well.

Eight Ears-a-Flopping

Those signature poodle ears? They bounce with every step, adding charm to his already irresistible look.

Seven Steps Behind You

Foster mom reiterates that little Frankie is a loyal shadow. If he can't be in your lap, he'll settle at your feet, always close, always devoted.

Six Paws-a-Waving

When Frankie wants attention (which is often!), he uses his front paws to "talk" to you. It's his way of saying, "I love you more than figgy pudding!"

Five Floofy Tails!

Okay, just one tail — but it's floofy enough to count for five. It wags with joy every time you walk into the room.

Four Breeds-a-Blending

Frankie is a delightful mix of Miniature Poodle, Yorkie, Maltese, and Havanese. The result? A lap dog at heart, with just a bit more to love.

Three Feet-a-Warming

Cold winter nights? Frankie's got you covered. He'll curl up at your feet, bringing warmth and comfort like a fuzzy slipper with a heartbeat.

Two Eyes-a-Sparkling

His eyes shine with happiness and hope — he's ready for a forever home where he can be cherished every day of the year.

And a Frankie in a Loving Family Tree!

Frankie is more than a pet — he's a companion, a confidant, and a Christmas miracle waiting to happen. If you're looking for a friendly, happy boy to complete your holiday story, Frankie might just be your perfect match. Frankie is being fostered in Pennsylvania. You can apply to adopt Frankie at: <https://ccterrierrescue.org/dog/frankie/>



Application Management Team: Finding Safe, Loving Forever Homes

By Jane Campbell

When it comes to finding happily ever after for Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue dogs, the Applications Management Team, with Denise H. and Sandra L. as co-directors, is responsible for reviewing and approving all our adoption applications.

Denise begins the process by reviewing every application. She looks for anything that might be a red flag or an immediate disqualification. If Denise decides that an applicant passes this review, the next step is to assign it to one of the team volunteers who begins the work of checking the applicant's references.

Brian K. and Peggy N. are two of those essential volunteers. Brian is an experienced rescue volunteer and has had Cairns since 1997. He enjoys checking vet and personal references and believes his experience with the breed helps him determine if the applicant is a good match for one of our pups. Brian told me that one of his favorite application experiences was earlier this year when he learned the applicant lived just 30 minutes from him. He volunteered to do the home check visit and said it was a great experience to see that side of the adoption process. He came away even more impressed with the adopting family.

Peggy has had many Cairns over the years and knows the breed well. Like Brian, she believes this experience helps her when talking to references to determine if the applicant would offer a good home to one of our terriers. Peggy shared a funny story about one applicant's personal reference who had Redbone Coonhounds and loved the breed. Apparently, the reference had tried to convince the applicant to get a Redbone but had not succeeded, so she spent a good portion of the call extolling their virtues to Peggy! Peggy had never heard of Redbone Coonhounds, but she listened with amusement to the lady as she talked about her love of the breed. While she admits there are some frustrations with trying to get references to return calls, Peggy enjoys what she does and she believes it is an important step in finding safe and loving homes for our dogs.

Once reference checks are completed, a report is sent to Denise. Denise reviews that report and sends it along to Sandra to request a home visit. Sandra takes the application and assigns it to a Home Check Coordinator, who will begin by contacting volunteers who live near the applicant to schedule a date and time for a home visit. The purpose of the visit is to check all areas of the home, the yard and any fencing to make sure it is safe for one of our terriers. The Home Check volunteer then submits a report for Sandra to review. If there is an issue that can be corrected, Sandra will let the applicant know their application is on hold until the problem is fixed. If there is any question about the safety of the home or any red flags that come from the reference checks and home visit, then the application is denied. CCTR's purpose is to find safe and loving homes for our dogs and the Application Management Team is essential to our success in that effort.



So many ways to help!



If you are looking for Holidays gifts, check out CCTR's partnership with [Sarris Candies](#). Each order placed will have 25% donated to Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue. Win-win for everyone!

We now have a Donate button on our [Facebook Page](#) and we'd love for you to think of CCTR if you are celebrating a December birthday and want to create a fundraiser.

[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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