

Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

Monthly Newsletter

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Terrier Talk

As 2025 comes to a close, this issue will reflect on what Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue has accomplished this year and give you a glimpse of what is to come for our new rescue in 2026. We sadly bid adieu to Col. Potter Cairn Rescue Network, but take comfort in knowing that the cairns and their relatives will be in good hands with all the incredible volunteers of CCTR. We have assumed full responsibility for all the tags CPCRN provided throughout the years for the adopted dogs and some siblings, and we will be there in times of need for any wearing a CPCRN tag, should that need arise. CCTR has continued with the Yum Yums, the Christmas Card Challenge, the Name a Dog Fundraiser, Birthday Fundraisers, and have signed up with the Sarris Candies affiliate. We utilized the Groups.io, Cairn Rescue Mentoring, and will continue to support that forum. All in all, we had a very productive year and expect continued growth and expansion in 2026.



Liz Romick

President, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue



CCTR Celebrates a Successful First Year

By Jane Campbell

Earlier this year, a group of dedicated volunteers with more than 96 years of collective experience in rescue formed a group to help Cairn Terriers and their cousin breeds in need of homes.

To say they have been busy since founding Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue is an understatement. In recognition of the hard work and all that has been accomplished since the organization began, we're taking a look back at the milestones that have been reached.

- On March 13, 2025, CCTR registered as a nonprofit in New Jersey! A significant first step in building continued success.
- On April 22, a startup fundraiser was launched to raise money for the fledgling rescue. The fundraiser garnered \$12,905!
- May 12, we established an online presence with a group on Facebook. Membership is currently 1,204! Our Facebook page went live July 28. We now have 390 followers.
- June 1, the CCTR website went live. What better way to get the attention our dogs will need to find their furever homes?
- On June 20, our first big fundraiser: the 10-day Countdown to Opening Day began and successfully raised \$10,027.50. Thank you to one and all who helped us meet this goal.

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- On July 1, CCTR officially opened and we became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. A major milestone as we begin our fundraising efforts and start bringing in dogs in need.
- And on July 10, we took in our first dog: Riley. Since Riley joined us, we have taken in another 30 dogs in need. We are off and running!
- On July 25, our first newsletter was published and sent out to our members.
- Aug. 16, our first dog was adopted: Susie Shug. Congratulations little one! This is why we are here.
- And, on Nov. 14, we began fundraising through Facebook, opening up new possibilities to raise money for the many little cairns and cousins we are determined to help.

Congratulations to all who have taken on this monumental task. Thank you from one and all, including the dogs who will find safety and forever homes as our mission continues to grow. So far, 15 of our dogs have been adopted. We're off to a great start!



Riley (foster)



Riley (forever)



Susie Shug (foster)



Susie Shug (forever)



What's Ahead for CCTR in 2026?

With several months of operation under its harness, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue is looking ahead at what needs to be done to move us forward in 2026.

The Board of Directors has identified two main areas for strategic planning:

1. Addressing external challenges in getting dogs adopted by expanding marketing beyond our base of supporters.
2. Addressing internal challenges by formalizing all policies and procedures with written manuals for each area, moving from Groups.io in March of 2026 as a work platform to Google Workspace with improved integration of groups, and separating Intakes from Foster Homes to allow volunteers to better focus on their area. Foster home bases also will be expanded, especially in areas of need, and foster home mentors will be utilized to cultivate confident, successful foster homes.

As CCTR is planning to expand our social media presence in 2026, if you have experience or know anyone who has experience, please fill out a volunteer form and someone will be in touch. We're particularly looking for folks who have experience with YouTube and TikTok to manage our accounts and help with content.

The volunteer form can be found at <https://ccterrierrescue.org/apply-to-volunteer/>.

CCTR Board Looks Ahead to 2026

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We're also planning another chance to name a future CCTR Foster Dog on July 1, 2026, our anniversary, so stay tuned for that. And we are planning to have iGive and Chewy affiliate links available in January so you can give to CCTR when you are doing your own online shopping!

Please follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CairnsandCousins/>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/cairnsandcousins/>).

We will be continuing many of CPCRN's former fundraisers such as auctions, calendars and more. Be sure to read your monthly CCTR Newsletter for more ways to help us rescue and fund all the terriers (Cairns AND Cousins) who need our help in 2026.



CPCRN Leaves Legacy of 5,550 Dogs Rescued

After twenty-four years of often difficult but rewarding work, and an amazing 5,550 dogs rescued, Col. Potter Cairn Rescue Network is closing its doors.

The organization, founded in 2001 by Danielle Rackstraw, had no brick-and-mortar headquarters. It was an all-volunteer group guided in recent years by the compassionate, steadfast leadership of Amy Robinson. Over the years, hundreds of hard-working volunteers have stepped up to find dogs who were homeless or would soon need a home, transport them to a foster home or veterinarian, check references for potential adopters, or arrange and conduct home safety visits for applicants. Once adopted, CPCRN volunteers worked with the new owners to help the dog settle into his forever home.

Whether they were commercial breeders, strays, shelter pups or owner surrenders, all were welcomed into the safe haven of CPCRN and given the chance to land in a happy, loving forever home.

Rescuing dogs involves many hours of hard work, thousands of miles driven, multitudes of fosters taking care of the dogs while they wait to be adopted, heartbreak and joy. Many dogs arrive with health issues, behavioral issues or unbearable fears. CPCRN and its foster parents have given the pups the care and time they needed to heal, acclimate to new environments and slowly learn to trust.

CPCRN has been a powerhouse in the rescue world and a great example of what can be done when people work together for a common cause. Many long-lasting friendships were made along the way.

Throughout the U.S., numerous furry cairns, mixes and other terriers are well-fed and curled up in warm, comfy beds because CPCRN was there when they needed help. Each dog is a tribute to nearly a quarter-century of CPCRN's efforts.

CPCRN announced in February that it would cease operations as of Dec. 31. While it has been difficult for many in the organization to see it close, everyone – from the officers to the newest volunteers – should feel proud of what CPCRN has accomplished in the past 24 years and the thousands of lives it has saved.

Col. Potter Cairn Rescue Network, you will be missed.

So many ways to help!



Please consider volunteering
<https://ccterrierrescue.org/apply-to-volunteer/>
to help in any way from fostering to social media expertise
or especially providing transport for surrendered terriers to
get to their foster homes!

We are especially in need of transport help in Kentucky,
Texas, California and Washington state. A little bit of your
time can make a world of difference for a dog in need.

We now have a Donate button on our [Facebook Page](#) and
we'd love for you to think of CCTR if you are celebrating an
upcoming birthday and want to create a fundraiser. We
have instructions on how to set up a birthday fundraiser here
on our website:

<https://ccterrierrescue.org/events/creating-a-birthday-fundraiser-and-more-on-facebook/>

[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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