

# Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

## Monthly Newsletter

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### Terrier Talk

The month of February saw more little ones coming into the fold here at Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue. While adoptions were slow, we had many lovely updates on the fosters who found their forever homes in January. This issue will focus on what happens after an adoption takes place from our perspective and will shed some light on our post-adoption volunteers who provide assistance to our adoptive homes needing help with their terrier.

Another notable development was our New Jersey designation as a charitable organization, in addition to a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit, that allows us access to a wider range of funding sources, including public and private grants, and matching corporate gift programs.

Please continue to read to discover our upcoming fundraising events that will surely pique your interest!



**Liz Romick**

President, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

### Post-Adoption Team: Bringing Harmony to Forever Homes

By Jane Campbell

One of the most important things to remember about the dogs we help at Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue is that they come with a history.

Now and then that history is a calm and well-cared-for memory and the greatest hurdle is adjusting to a new place, new people and new routines. Often, though, the history is not so benign. Some of our dogs come from very challenging backgrounds. These dogs often take longer to assimilate into a family and home. They may need a bit more attention and their new families sometimes need someone to help them negotiate the adjustment period. This is when the Post-Adoption Team gets a call.

Sandy B., one of our two very busy Post-Adoption coordinators, who also has served as a matchmaker, has a great deal of experience with rescue dogs and terriers, in particular. Her years of experience have given her a deep well of information and advice for adoptive homes that may be experiencing some challenges while settling in their new family member.

When a family adopts one of our dogs, they are given a packet containing information about the dog, advice to help settle the dog into their new home and contact information for our Post-Adoption Team. Once the dog is home and is beginning to settle in, Liz Romick, director of Adoption Management, will give one of the team members the approval to contact the new home. Sandy said she will make a call to introduce herself and get to know a little about the family and the dog. If she reaches them, she explains the duties of the Post-Adoption Team and how they can help if there are any issues. Often, she will not hear from the family as their new friend has settled in and is doing fine. On the other hand, sometimes she gets some interesting calls.



## Helping Dogs Adjust to New Homes

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One adopter called her while they were in the car. The dog was in its crate, and it was frantic. Sandy talked with them and discovered this only happened when they took the dog in the car on the highway. Sandy offered to do some research and, sure enough, she came up with an answer. She discovered that sometimes the tires on a car can make a high-pitched sound that humans cannot hear but dogs can. She called back and suggested getting new tires. The adopter changed the tires and called her to let her know they had no problems after that. Oddly enough, she ran into a similar situation when another adopter said her dog became frantic when the windshield wipers were on. Drawing on the previous experience, she suggested changing the wipers, and the problem was solved.

Another call came from a woman who had just adopted a CCTR dog. She was standing on a footstool in her kitchen with her broom and the dog was jumping at her. She was afraid he would bite her. Sandy told her to put the broom between her and the dog and get off the stool. She managed to talk the woman through getting the dog under control and calming it. She worked with the woman and her dog over time through several calls offering her training suggestions. In the end, after much work, the woman told Sandy he was the best dog she had ever had.

The Post-Adoption Team offers experience and caring advice for new rescue pup parents. As Sandy said more than once, rescue dogs come with a history. Many times, we don't know everything they have survived but we can offer guidance and training strategies that may help. Sandy advises anyone who adopts a rescue dog to watch their tails as that can indicate mood, watch for changes in their eyes and be reasonable with food and treats. If you don't overfeed them, treats carry more value and can help make training exercises more effective.

Remember, if there are any issues or questions after your rescue dog comes home, the Post-Adoption Team is just a phone call or email away with advice and training that can make a difference.

## Tags Team: Keeping Track of Rescued Pups



Once an adoption is finalized with Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue, CCTR continues to support the dogs and the families who adopt them. One of the ways they do that is through specially designated tags that stay with the animal forever.

After a pup is rescued by CCTR, it is given an identification tag with a number unique to that dog that follows them on their journey – through medical vetting, transportation to the foster home and finally with the adopter. Each tag is engraved with the CCTR website and a toll-free number, according to Lynell P., a volunteer on the Tags Team. The tag number also accompanies all CCTR records for the dog.

But CCTR doesn't stop there. CCTR dogs are in a tags database, so help is available through its Lost Dog Line (LDL), a system that is designed to provide adopters with a resource to reunite them with a dog who is lost, Denise Hoffman, director of the Applications Management Team, explained. This toll-free number is continually monitored by two dedicated CCTR volunteers, Shelley and Ken, who alternate two-week shifts. In the event a dog is lost, a Good Samaritan finding the dog can call the number to assist in reuniting the dog with its owner. Owners also can update CCTR with such information as known medical conditions, so the information is immediately available.

Denise, who oversees the Lost Dog Line, said that when a call is received on the LDL, the volunteer will classify the call into one of four categories:

1. Dog is lost and found by someone who calls the line.
2. Dog is lost and we are contacted by a shelter who has the dog.
3. Dog is lost and we are contacted by the owner who needs help finding the dog.
4. No dog is lost and someone is seeking information regarding CCTR.



## CCTR's Tags, Lost Dog Line Can Help Find Missing Dogs

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The first three types of calls are considered emergencies, and a protocol is implemented to reunite the dog and its owner as quickly as possible. The volunteer will identify the dog through the CCTR website with the tag number and respond to the call accordingly. The volunteers working behind the scenes are an asset. As Denise said, unseen infrastructure is so important in making sure all the pieces work together.

CCTR maintains the lost dog toll-free number Col. Potter Cairn Rescue Network set up so their dogs are still included if they wear a CP tag and CCTR dogs are protected, as well, Lynell said. CCTR tags begin with C- then the number, while CP tags are completely numerical. The LDL number is 1-866-506-7461. New owners are encouraged to keep these tags on the dogs as they can make all the difference if a dog is missing. The tags program may be "behind the scenes" at CCTR, but it also is essential and yet another example of how CCTR continues to support our adopters.

### Happy Endings

#### *Frankie: A Match Made in Heaven*

Frankie, one of the first dogs Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue took in last summer, has found his loving forever home. His mom, Sue, describes how he is settling in at his new home: "It is so good to have him. Our Skippy definitely sent Frankie to us. Our second rescue was Callie. We adopted Skippy for Callie. She was the only dog he liked and he adored her. We were shocked when we met Frankie. He is a male longer-legged version of Callie. Amazing.

Frankie learned Mat and Touch. He is working on hand signals for Sit and also Down. We teach both verbals and hand signals. He seems to learn quickly. He has also played with a few toys and actually took one out of the basket for the first time!"



## CCTR Receives Designation as Charitable Organization

The state of New Jersey has approved CCTR's application for its charity registration, which designates our rescue as a charitable organization. CCTR is registered as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit in New Jersey. The designation as a charitable organization, in addition to our nonprofit status, will increase our access to such funding sources as public and private grants and matching corporate gift programs.

As a 501 (c) (3) volunteer-driven nonprofit, we always need funds to cover the costs of veterinary bills, medications, food and operating expenses needed to care for the dogs we rescue while they wait for their forever homes. Fundraising helps us continue to rescue dogs who need homes or will soon need a home.

## Response to Heartworm Article



One of our readers described her own experience with a heartworm-positive dog after reading our article on heartworm in the January issue: Thank you for the January newsletter. Although Grover is not a terrier, he is a rescue who came from Louisiana. He was probably infected with heartworm, but it didn't show up in his heartworm test until the following yearly exam. It is a long, difficult treatment, but it was successful. He has been heartworm free for a year and a half. Prevention is important. Grover was on monthly heartworm prevention, but it does not kill heartworms that are already present. Please have your dogs tested every year and use prevention year-round.

It cost almost \$3,000 for his four-month-long treatment. I slept on an inflatable mattress on the living room floor because he wasn't allowed to jump on the bed or couch. It was an experience I never want to repeat, but something to be aware of in dogs that are from down South. It is more prevalent now in upstate New York, like tickborne diseases, so year-round prevention is the wisest course of action, and, in the long run, a whole lot cheaper and less traumatic for the dog and the owner. ... Sue, New York state



## So many ways to help!

*Big fundraising events coming to CCTR in March.*

We have our first Quiltfest Sweepstakes featuring the chance to win not just 1 handmade quilt, but 1 of 5 handmade quilts. Starting on the 1st of March - the 5 winners will be announced on April 1 (no joke ;-). Take a look at these stunning quilts and mark your calendar to purchase tickets as soon as they are available. (link: <https://cctr.rallyup.com/quiltfest2026/>)

Also in March (date to be determined), CCTR's Inaugural Auction. This is a special one featuring items from the estate of Helen and Charlie Davidson who were longtime supports of CPRN. Watch for an email notifying you when it is available on Rally Up (our new platform for auctions and more.)

Click Here to Learn about becoming a foster parent with CCTR

Click Here to See adoption requirements, steps, and application

Click Here to Report a Terrier in Need

Finally, these fundraisers are ongoing for the next month as well and coming soon - our new Partner's Page where you can find all the fundraising links in one place.

\*\*iGive - (link: <https://www.igive.com/CairnsCousinsTerrierRescue>)

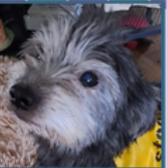
Sign up (free) and everytime you shop from one of their stores, you earn \$\$ for CCTR

\*\*Sarris Candies - (link: <https://www.sarris Candies fundraising.com/Group.aspx?id=10-1667>)  
Easter delights for all (including yourself too)

\*\*Pampered Chef Party - (link: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/cairnsandcousins0216>)

A portion of the party sales will go to Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue, so let's all pitch in to help out these sweet pups!

Cairns & Cousins HAPPY TAILS January 2026

 Rockit-Dog - DE 1/11/2026	 Frankie - PA 1/24/26	 Spud - MN 1/22/2026
 Myra - VA 1/12/2026	 Sweet Pea - MI 1/12/2026	 Tanner - PA 1/31/2026

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