

# Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

## Monthly Newsletter

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



### Terrier Talk

We have all heard of the old saying, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Our March Newsletter will highlight our wonderful mixes, who may not have the DNA footprint of our favorite breeds, but make up for that with their charm and love for life. In looking for a new family member, it's generally best to go with personality first, and unlike beauty pageants, the Miss Congeniality contestant is always worth more consideration. All our rescues are here because they were not able to continue to live in their former residences. And some of our very distant cousins are here because they faced euthanasia in a kill shelter. We think they deserve a second chance at a loving home so here is some additional information for you in case you are considering adding to your pack.

And if none of these or any of our other rescues seem right for you, consider being a foster home so you can experience the joy and satisfaction of helping a little one have a better life. Our foster homes always have the first option to adopt their foster dog after the first two weeks in care and at any time later as long as there are no other approved homes who are interested and would be a suitable match. If you are already an approved home with CCTR, simply inform your Placement Specialist that you would like to be considered a foster home and she can get you started. There is no need to fill out another application if you already have an active application with us.



**Liz Romick**

President, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

## Mix It Up!

Presenting CCTR's Adorable Mixes Waiting for Their Forever Homes

**By Jane Campbell**

Let's talk about mixed-breed dogs. Let's talk about their good-natured personalities and their health in general. Too often when we decide we want to add a new four-legged canine family member, we look for a purebred dog not knowing what we miss by not considering mixed breeds, aka mutts.

Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue works to help many Cairn Terriers and their cousins find new homes. We want you to be aware of just what a wonderful little companion you might miss by not looking at our mixes.

CCTR currently has nine mixes in our foster system: Danny Boy, Edmund, Jazzy, Kaylee, Keegan, Lexi, Nicholas, Sallie Mae and Seamus. They are each waiting and eager to find loving homes where they can shine.

According to a staff member at VCA Animal Hospitals, there are actually different identifiable categories of mixed-breed dogs. First are crossbreeds, which are the combination of two identifiable breeds often done to create designer dogs, such as Labradoodles. Second are mutts, which have more than two breeds mixed into their backgrounds. The third are indigenous dogs, which are not properly mixed breeds but have no purebred ancestors. They include native strains that developed without human intervention. Most of today's purebred dogs descended first from indigenous dogs, then from mixes, according to VCA.

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# Mixed Breeds Can Make Wonderful Companions

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For many centuries, mixed breeds were the dogs of choice. Dogs were chosen for their ability to do the work needed, such as herding, guarding, hunting, vermin control or the strength to carry loads or pull carts.

Throughout history dogs have served us as helpmates, companions, guards and warriors. They have become an integral part of our lives, regardless of the breed selected. Ultimately, mixed breeds remain the most popular dogs in the world.

The VCA staff member also explained that, generally, mixed breed dogs tend to live longer than purebred dogs and because of their varied genetic background, they are less likely to inherit breed-specific illnesses or conditions. According to VCA, veterinarians recognize this as heterosis or hybrid vigor. These dogs also are less likely to inherit intensified behavioral issues that can occur in purebred dogs due to over-breeding.

I can relate to this with my own dogs. I have both a 15-year-old mix and a 4-year-old purebred, and while they both have their health challenges, in the long run, the mix has been healthier. Among the breeds that we frequently see in our mixes are: Maltese, known for being very affectionate to their families; Chihuahua, a playful and adaptable little breed; Bichon, a playful affectionate breed that is usually good with children and other dogs; Yorkshire Terrier, a playful small breed with a big personality; Toy/Miniature Poodle, an intelligent, active dog that needs mental stimulation and is very trainable; and Miniature Schnauzer, which is known for being friendly, smart and obedient. More information on individual breeds is available from the American Kennel Club Breed Directory on the AKC website.

Any of our little mixes will make someone a wonderful new family member, so please take a look at them on our website, <https://ccterrierrescue.org/>, under available dogs. They are just waiting for the right person to find them and bring them home.

## Meet the Mixes

Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue has several adorable mixed breeds available for adoption. Their foster parents describe the wonderful pups they've come to know and love, below.

### Edmund

Edmund is a truly special dog who can fit easily into many homes. He's an easy-going companion who is perfectly content to relax on his own through a full workday, and then greet you with his whole heart the moment you walk through the door. His greatest joy is simply being with his person.

He is fully house-trained and even taught himself how to use the doggie door in his foster home. He is a very smart little guy. His goofy, affectionate personality will melt your heart on day one. While Edmund is normally tolerant of the resident dogs and sometimes even wants to play with them, he can also get grumpy with them, especially in the evenings. Because of this, he would be happiest as the only dog, where he can soak up all the love and attention he deserves.

Edmund is a one-of-a-kind, darn-near-perfect boy who just wants a special someone to share his life with. If you're looking for a loyal, loving companion with a big heart and a gentle soul, Edmund may be your perfect match. His foster mom is happy to drive him a significant distance to help this very special pup get to the right family, one who will love and appreciate him as much as she does.

Edmund is a 6-year-old mix being fostered in Virginia. To apply for him, go to <https://ccterrierrescue.org/dog/edmund/>.



## Jazzy



Jazzy is a true “Go With” dog. You know, the kind of dog who wants to accompany you everywhere you go and to do whatever it is you are doing.

Jazzy does do well with our resident dogs, but truly seems like she’d really shine as someone’s only. Her devotion can be seen in her eyes and the way she pays attention to you.

Jazzy happily joins us in anything we do and plays well with our dogs, who range in age from 4-14. Jazzy is very good in the car, just wanting to go with you as she sits and watches the world go by. Once Jazzy settles into walks she pulls less and observes her surroundings. Jazzy loves people and wants to

meet everyone. You should meet her, too; she’ll work her charms on you. Jazzy is a young, active, yet well-behaved girl who would add much joy to that special family.

She is a 2-year-old terrier mix who is being fostered in Connecticut. For more information and to apply for her, visit <https://ccterrierrescue.org/dog/jazzy-c-1082-ct/>.



## Kaylee

Kaylee is a 4-year-old sweetheart who is cute as a button and full of personality! This happy girl loves her food, enjoys her toys, and absolutely adores her person, not necessarily in that order!

Currently being fostered in sunny California, Kaylee is soaking up the sunshine and loving life. She’s active, playful, and always ready for fun. Whether it’s going for walks, hopping in the car for a ride, or curling up for cuddles, Kaylee is happiest when she’s with her people.

Are you her person? If you think you might be, then fill out an adoption application on the CCTR website at <https://ccterrierrescue.org/dog/kaylee-c-1042-ca/>.



## Lexi



Lexi is an affectionate, playful girl who is looking forward to her forever family.

She loves to cuddle, chase balls, and remove the stuffing from her toys.

She’s a loyal companion who loves to curl up next to her person.

Lexi is a petite, 10-year-old mix being fostered in Tennessee. If you think she might be the perfect fit for your family, fill out an application for her at <https://ccterrierrescue.org/dog/lexi/>.



## So many ways to help!

Mid-month in April will bring yet another auction for CCTR, but this will be very different from our first auction. CCTR volunteer Mary F. has generously offered her talent to CCTR! She will work with the winning bidder to do an 8" x 10" portrait of your dog, head and shoulders or full body, in acrylic paint. You can see from the sample of her work above that it is something you can treasure forever; maybe even a memorial to a past furbaby. Regular cost is \$160, but we are starting bids at HALF PRICE of only \$80 (with shipping added).

ARE YOU PLANNING A  
**GARAGE SALE**  
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CONSIDER  
DONATING  
SOME OR  
ALL OF  
YOUR  
PROFITS TO  
CCTR!

April through October

Donate any amount of your Garage Sale profit to CCTR & you may be the monthly random winner of two CCTR "prizes" that are worth more than money!

All details on the sign up form HERE:  
<https://forms.gle/2JiaJYtrqvhlhGB6>

www.ccterrierrescue.org

Planning a Garage Sale this year? We are offering a unique reward to any garage seller who is willing to donate any of their profit to CCTR. Stay tuned for details and check out our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages and the [Events & Fundraisers](#) page on our website.



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

Thanks for your support for our early March fundraisers. Our inaugural auction and the first Quiltfest were both a success and will help us care for our current fosters and continue to help rescue Cairns and their Cousins.



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