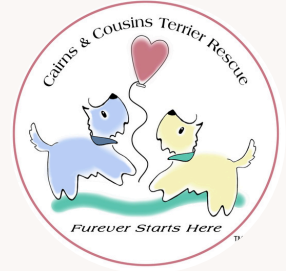


Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

Monthly Newsletter

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



Terrier Talk

Age is just a number, right? While that is technically true, when it comes to our furry friends with much shorter lifespans than the people who love them, there are commonalities in age groups that can influence the success of an adoption. One of the biggest challenges in rescue is to match a terrier with an ideal home that is able to meet the needs of a particular dog throughout their remaining lifetime. In this issue we will explore the requirements of both the terrier and the adoptive home to ensure a truly happy ever after and relate those to CCTR's age adoption policy.

We will also celebrate the terriers who have found their forever homes during the months of February through April of this year and update you all on our first auction and sweepstakes on Rally Up and preview those in progress and development.

Please read on!



Liz Romick

President, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

Energetic, feisty terriers may not be right for everyone

By Jane Campbell

As a small terrier rescue, CCTR sees many ages and stages in the development of our dogs. We work very hard to match the right home to the right dog, but not all families are terrier families, and not all families are right for a terrier at every stage of life. These little dogs are full of personality, energy and feistiness. Let's review some of the different traits throughout their development and perhaps this will help you decide which terrier is just right for you.

Terriers begin as active and curious puppies. This first of three stages of life runs from puppy to age 3. As puppies, they are usually either trying to explore every new thing in their world or eating and napping. They are generally characterized by a short attention span and are easily reactive, both positively and negatively. They require consistency and structure to ensure they grow into the wonderful family member they are known for as adults. Owners will need to be able to provide the stimulation they need and should have the energy to do so. For this reason, our rescue restricts the adoption of puppies under 1 year old to those under 70 and dogs under age 3 to those under 73. The more accustomed these terriers become to their environment, the more you will see their personality develop and their energy and activity levels grow. Puppies also need to be socialized in different environments and with other people and animals. Obedience training and housebreaking should be done while they're young. They must be taught some commands, such as sit and stay, and become comfortable wearing harnesses and walking on leashes. Terriers are bright, engaging, active and occasionally challenging dogs and the earlier you begin their training the better. Six months old is not too young to begin.

CCTR strives to match terriers with the right families

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Our youngest terrier currently in CCTR is Johnny Cash, a darling 6 ½-month-old Cairn Terrier puppy listed on our available dogs page at <https://ccterrierrescue.org/dog/johnny-cash-c-1040-il/>. He is a great example of the sweetness and spirit of the breed.



The second stage is adulthood, between 3 and 9 years old. Keep in mind that although they have now entered adulthood, they are still the same fearless and inquisitive dogs, and sometimes they appear to be testing their longevity and your nerves with their escapades. They are now generally grown to their adult size and personality. While you may see their prey drive during the puppy years, these are the years when it really develops. If the terrier gets the appropriate training and energy-burning walks or play, their prey drive is more manageable, but in most terriers it never disappears. At this stage of life, it's important to keep them healthy and provide the physical exercise and mental stimulation they need. The adult years are a joy for most owners who lead an active and engaged lifestyle as terriers need exercise and connection to their people.



One of our adult dogs is Bradley Cooper, a 7-year-old Cairn Terrier/Norwich Terrier mix and a delightful fellow who is active and energetic as well as affectionate. He is looking for someone to love and is ready for an adopter who likes walks and has a warm lap for him to snooze on. More information on Bradley Cooper can be found at <https://ccterrierrescue.org/dog/bradley-cooper-c-1060-wa/>.



As they age into seniors, over age 9, terriers mellow and become less rambunctious. They are happy to sit with you in the sun and take comfortable and slower walks. This will vary, however, as there are many senior dogs who are still quite active at this age. Their antics can still entertain, but they are executed with a more stately and deliberate manner. Their walks should be shorter and their naps are longer. Now their personality is a little softer, but they are still capable of speaking up for themselves when they feel the need. They will still have a prey drive and will still guard their homes from small critters foolish enough to come near. Older dogs mean there will be some health issues beginning to appear. Watch for any changes in their appetite, mobility or behavior. Don't be surprised if your older terrier is still pretty spritely and still enjoys games and play at age 14.



Here at CCTR we have several senior terriers. Salty is a darling 11-year-old Cairn Terrier who still has lots of love to give. He is active and will chase and play, but he also loves his people and yearns to find a home that needs a sweet senior boy to warm laps and take easy walks with. Check Salty out at <https://ccterrierrescue.org/dog/salty-c-1083-fl/>.

Terriers are dogs with big personalities and independent natures who are known for their tenacity. They are eager, friendly and always curious and active. They are a new adventure during each stage of their lives and tend to age like fine wine, becoming mellower with time. The hardest part of matching the right home to the right terrier is that not every home is right for every terrier. It takes a steady, calm hand and diligent training if you want to bring one of these fellows into your home. However, if you can handle an active, opinionated, intelligent, independent dog, a terrier may be just the dog for you.

CCTR terriers find their furever homes

We're thrilled that 11 Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue pups have been adopted since the end of February.

After all, our mission is to rescue and find forever homes for the terriers, so this has been a very successful couple of months.

Anthony, a 7-year-old Cairn Terrier, who is quiet and affectionate, went to his furever home Feb. 26. Other Cairn Terriers who have been adopted since then include: Ace, a strong-willed, but affectionate and playful guy who was adopted March 3; Charlene, a 5-year-old friendly, playful girl who was adopted March 17; and Magee, who was adopted March 31.

Four West Highland Terrier females came in together and have been adopted. All were 3 to 4 years old and shy. Opal was adopted March 13; Beryl, March 15; Pearl, April 6; and Moonstone, April 15.

Lewis, a white Miniature Schnauzer, is a cuddler who enjoys patrolling a fenced yard. He went to his furever home March 24.

Maestro was badly injured when he was found at the end of last year. The sweet cuddle bug has fully recovered and was adopted March 14.

One of our great mixes, Nicholas, went to his new home April 11. He is 13 years old, easy-going and loves attention.

Visit our website at <https://ccterrierrescue.org/> to see the pups who are available for adoption.



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HAPPY TAILS (MARCH)

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|  Maestro - CA 03/14/2026 |  Opal - AR 03/13/2026 |  Ace - NC 03/03/2026 | |
|  Anthony - CA 02/26/2026 |  Beryl - MD 03/15/2026 |  Lewis - NC 03/24/26 |  Charlene - AR 03/17/2026 |





So many ways to help!

ENDING SOON! Once again, Mary Felker has generously offered her talent to CCTR! She will work with the winning bidder to do an 8" x 10" portrait of your pet (not just dogs), head and shoulders or full body, with acrylic paint on canvas.

You can see from these samples of her work in the item description: <https://ctr.rallyup.com/felkerauction1> that it is something you can treasure forever; maybe even a memorial to a past furbaby. This would also be a great gift!

Regular cost is \$160, but we are starting bids at HALF PRICE of only \$80.

There will only be one lucky winner but we can raise a lot of \$\$ for our Cairns & their Cousins just by bidding and spreading the word to family and friends.

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

Watch for our July - 1 Year Anniversary Auction - this will be a BIG one with lots of doggy memorabilia but many standard auction items as well. We'll be promoting this event well in advance. If you have auction items to donate in the future, please contact: smower@ccterrierrescue.org.



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