

# Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

## Monthly Newsletter

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



### Terrier Talk

As the one-year anniversary of the opening day of CCTR approaches, this issue will focus on the accomplishments of the past year and the months leading up to it.

We all know the old saying, "When one door closes, another one opens." Such was certainly the case with our rescue when Col. Potter Cairn Rescue Network made the decision to close their doors. Thanks to the dedication of longtime CP supporters and volunteers, we were able to start a new rescue and continue to serve the terriers we love. We've constructed a Timeline to highlight the milestones our rescue has collected along the way.

During the month of July and for the entire month, we will be celebrating the one-year anniversary of CCTR with a CCTR Birthday Fundraiser on Facebook, an auction from July 17 through July 26 on Rally Up with many wonderful items, and a discounted Name a Terrier program on our website at [ccterrierrescue.org](http://ccterrierrescue.org).

As of today, 50 cairns and their cousins have found their happy endings due to the efforts of CCTR. Since July 1, 2025, we have taken in 66 dogs, with 27 being Cairns, 11 Westies, two Norwich Terriers, one Schnauzer, and 24 being the adorable mixes that crossed our threshold.

Our fundraising efforts have been very successful, thanks to our amazing supporters. Donations are always needed as veterinary bills continue to escalate and take up the majority of our income. The cost of taking in a dog has ranged from as little as \$100, which accounts for only a few dogs, to almost \$3,000, which has been more than a few. A big shoutout to CPCRN, which generously included us in the liquidation of their assets to multiple rescue organizations.

To view our financial statement for 2025, please go to [ccterrierrescue.org](http://ccterrierrescue.org), ABOUT, and select Public Disclosure Information in the drop-down menu.

In order for us to continue to support the dogs who need extra vet care – and at this point dental expenses are leading the pack – we will need to be diligent in our fundraising efforts. We hope you will participate in our efforts so that we can continue to help those terriers who will have extensive medical needs.



## Liz Romick

President, Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue

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<https://ccterrierrescue.org>

# Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue Timeline

2/24/25



One door closes as Col. Potter Cairn Rescue Network (CPCRN) announces their planned dissolution and closure to take place on Dec. 31, 2025.

3/8/25



One door opens as 6 of CPCRN's Officers decide to form a new rescue to carry on the mission of CPCRN along with many volunteers who also shared the same dream.

3/8/25



An initial Board of Trustees was elected for the new rescue from the 6 officers with Liz Romick as President, Sandra Ladner as Vice President, Denise Hoffman as Secretary, and Julie Greystone and Karen Gracy as Members at Large.

3/8/25



An organizational structure was developed to establish groups for Intakes, Transports, Fosters, Applications, Home Safety Checks, Adoptions, Marketing, and Technology.

4/8/25



The application for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status is filed with the IRS.

4/5/25



The Board of Trustees is expanded to 7 to include Pam Muir as Treasurer and Mercedes Toro as Legal Advisor.

3/13/25



Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue is registered with the state of New Jersey as a not-for-profit corporation with the domain names [ccterrierrescue.org](http://ccterrierrescue.org) and [ccterrierrescue.com](http://ccterrierrescue.com).

3/11/25



The new rescue is named "Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue" from a poll taken by the volunteers.

4/22/25



The first CCTR fundraiser to cover start-up costs begins and raises \$11,300.

4/26/25



CCTR chooses Buzz To The Rescues as our website host and data system.

5/1/25



CCTR obtains tax exempt status in the state of New Jersey.

5/12/25



The CCTR Facebook Group is created and begins accepting members.

7/1/25

**Opening Day**

CPCRN stops taking in new rescue dogs and CCTR officially begins to accept dogs. CCTR's nonprofit Facebook Page debuts along with the opportunity to fundraise on the platform.

6/30/25



The IRS approves CCTR's application for tax exemption converting our status to a 501(c)(3) organization.

5/25/25



The new website debuts with our official logo.

5/14/25



The CCTR tagline "Forever Starts Here" is chosen by a poll of our volunteers.

7/12/25



CCTR organizational structure expanded to include a Director of Volunteers: Sherry White; and a Director of Compliance: Keren McLendon, replacing Mercedes Toro as Legal Consultant.

7/19/25



Riley becomes the first terrier rescued by CCTR.

7/26/25



Susan Mower becomes the seventh member of the Board of Trustees.

7/27/25



First edition of the Cairns & Cousins Monthly Newsletter is published and distributed via email and social media sites.

12/9/25



Tidings of Comfort and Joy campaign begins to highlight happy tails of CCTR's 15 dogs adopted in 2025.

11/23/25



CCTR's first Christmas Card challenge begins.

11/22/25



Elsbeth Coates assumes Treasurer role replacing Pam Muir on the Board of Trustees.

8/15/25



Susie Shug becomes the first CCTR rescued terrier to find their forever home.

12/13/25



Strategic Planning for the future of CCTR officially begins to ensure viability and includes expansion of social media, organizational structuring with written policies and procedures for all groups, and Google workspace for operations.

12/15/25



CCTR assumes responsibility for the CPCRN Lost Dog Line and Tag program to coincide with CCTR's own Tag and LDL (Lost Dog Line).

3/1/26



CCTR Transitions to Google Workspace for all operations.

3/18/26



CCTR holds our first online auction commemorating Helen and Charlie Davidson with items from their estate.

7/2/26 + beyond



Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue (CCTR) begins their second year, continuing their mission of rescuing purebred & mixed Cairn Terriers & their cousin breeds. Please join us at [www.ccterrierrescue.org](http://www.ccterrierrescue.org)

7/1/26



Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue (CCTR) celebrates their first successful year with a Founders Celebration, which includes an auction, special discounts, a Facebook Birthday celebration & 2026 adoption updates published daily!

5/16/26



CCTR obtains tax exempt status in Illinois, where our Director of Supply Management is located.

3/19/26



CCTR's organizational structure expanded to include a Director of Supply Management, Lynell Pople.



# Fundraising is an ongoing challenge in rescue

By Jane Campbell

When Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue opened its doors a year ago on July 1, one of the big hurdles for the new group was – and still is – raising the necessary funds to operate the organization. To accomplish this, CCTR uses a multi-pronged approach. Several different teams work on a variety of activities to bring in money three ways: adoption fees; contributions and donations; and auctions, sweepstakes and other seasonal fundraisers.

The greatest expense for CCTR is veterinary costs, which account for a whopping 96 percent of the money raised annually. Of those veterinary costs, dental care is the leading need and expense. Since so many of our dogs come in with little to no previous medical attention, it is difficult to anticipate how much is needed, but previous experience helps to make very educated estimates.

Based on the 66 dogs CCTR has taken in so far, an average of \$1,200 is spent on each dog and that cost can run up to \$3,000 or higher if the dog has medical problems. The adoption fees only cover about 24.5 percent of the cost of rescuing a dog. Some dogs don't cost much when surrendered because their medical needs have been taken care of, but others need to be spayed or neutered, need dentals and may need vaccinations that haven't been completed.

Dogs who have been commercial breeders are among those that often need expensive veterinary care.

Take Gemma's story, for example. Gemma was a 7-year-old Westie who was being retired from breeding. When a CCTR volunteer picked her up, she was quiet and didn't respond to voices or movement. The volunteer wondered whether she was deaf or shutdown. During the spay, the vet discovered that her uterus was infected and so swollen it filled her abdominal cavity. The vet performed emergency surgery, which was complicated. That surgery saved her life. The vet bill was \$3,000.

Another dog with a high vet bill is Harpo, a 9-year-old Cairn Terrier whose family could no longer take care of him. His veterinary costs were \$2,817.04. Another owner surrender, Trigger, is an 8-year-old Cairn Terrier whose medical issues weren't life-threatening, but made him very uncomfortable. His vet bill was \$1,274.56. Kinley, a tiny 1-year-old Cairn mix, needed \$1,416.69 worth of veterinary care. Harpo, Trigger and Kinley have been adopted.

Added to the medical costs are other expenses involved in fostering, including the transportation of the dogs and numerous other necessary and incidental things that are needed to care for rescue dogs while they await their forever homes.

In 2025, for example, the total expenses for the 15 dogs who were adopted was \$11,325.94. Of that amount, \$10,769.83 was spent on veterinary costs. The total amount of money raised from the adoption payments was \$5,431.47.

This year, adoption fees have brought in \$12,200; contributions and donations, \$22,200; and fundraisers, \$7,100, for a total of \$41,500. Direct costs of caring for the dogs total \$51,000, while administrative costs are \$2,200. The needs are many and accumulating the necessary funds is an ongoing practice.

Fostering is essential both to care for the rescues we bring in and to help foster homes manage the addition of an extra dog to their family budgets.

Our monthly costs vary based on the number of rescues we take in and what their specific needs may be. Meeting those expenses is an ongoing and crucial activity for the entire CCTR team. The more money we can raise, the more dogs we can help find their way into safe and loving homes.



**Mika and Dorry, loved by our Garage Sale Fundraiser winners for May, Jim & Liz R, and as a thank you for their donation, they also got to name a Cairn or Cousin.**

**THANK YOU!**

## So many ways to help!

Watch for a special Birthday Fundraiser on the Cairns & Cousins Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CairnsandCousins>. Make sure you are following us so you don't miss the post. For those not on Facebook, we will be posting details on how to donate for CCTR's Founders Celebration on our website and IO groups.



CCTR will be discounting the price on our Name a Cairn or Cousin for the whole month of July! This special promotion may not be available again so don't miss out. The link to the special promotion page won't be announced until it goes live on July 1, 2026.

We know you love seeing the Adopted Dogs each month so the whole month of July, we will be featuring adopted dog updates. Celebrate with our Dog Tails of Summer and read all about how our 2026 adopted dogs are doing and see pictures. All supplied by our amazing adoptive homes. The Dog Tails will be posted in adoption date order starting on July 1, 2026

Our final Founders Celebration will be our Year One - Happy Tails Auction. Dozens of auction items will be listed (many dog themed) and we will be sending out teasers before the auction takes place starting July 17. Watch for the teasers and mark your calendar so you don't miss this event!



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

**Cairns & Cousins Terrier Rescue**  
Happy Tails for MAY 2026

 Rennie NC ♦ 5/30/2026	 Edmund NC ♦ 5/26/2026	 Bradley Cooper WA ♦ 5/26/2026	 Mary Jo AL ♦ 5/6/2026
 Johnny Cash IL ♦ 5/7/2026	 Biscotti NC ♦ 5/6/2026	 Julia MI ♦ 5/1/2026	 Rissa NM ♦ 5/31/2026

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