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Letter from the President



Didn't we just have the holidays? The year has gone so quickly as we mark down yet another successful rescue year. Our members have managed to adopt out 84 more dogs in the last 4 months with still more to go. While we have adopted out many so far, we still have many in foster care.

We did an interesting tally to determine what the ages were of the fosters we currently have in our system. Right now we have 100 fosters, most of which are permanent. Their ages are from under one year to 16+. Because we do have so many fosters that will most likely never be placed, each year we have to fund raise even harder to help cover the costs of those dogs that stay with us. These dogs continue to need medical attention and as they get older, their vetting gets more expensive. Our members work hard with their fundraising efforts and dedicate themselves to representing CCDR at many events in order to help out. These efforts are very much appreciated and help us when we have the emergency situations arise where we need to cover another back surgery or expensive medical treatment. We also wish to thank those who are kind enough to donate to us during the year. Each donation helps tremendously and with the average vetting for each dog coming into system often being just under \$500, we appreciate the generosity of donations to help make up the difference between vetting and the average adoption fee of \$225. We look forward to another successful year of adoptions and wish to say HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all of our loyal members and our very dedicated donors who help us all year long.

Thank you! ~Joni McCormick



Adoption Fees

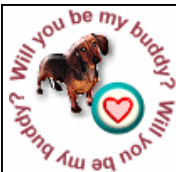
- Under 1 year \$300
- 1 year but younger than 4 years \$250
- 4 years but younger than 8 years \$225
- 8 years and over \$150
- Special needs \$150
- Mixes \$125



Visit our available dogs on the website:
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This is the medical care we provide prior to adoption. These costs always exceed the adoption fee.

- Full veterinary health check before being placed. This includes a general health check of the heart, ears, eyes and back.
- Fecal and treatment if necessary
- Brought current on all necessary vaccines and Rabies
- Spayed/neutered
- Dental if needed
- HW tested and treated if necessary
- Medical issues are diagnosed and treated



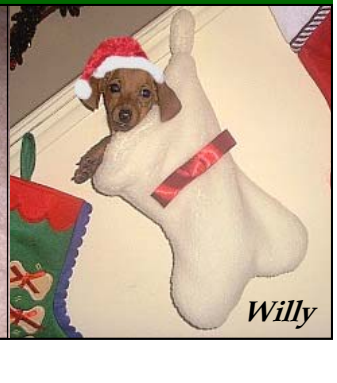
Visit our buddy dog section at the website. You may not be able to have a dog, but you can have a **BUDDY!**



The gifts and fundraising items we sell enable us to do the work we do. Visit our gift and fundraising section of the website and find a gift for yourself or others. We have totes, dish towels, dog coats, the Delilah Print and many other wonderful items.



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NEW CCCR MEMBERS

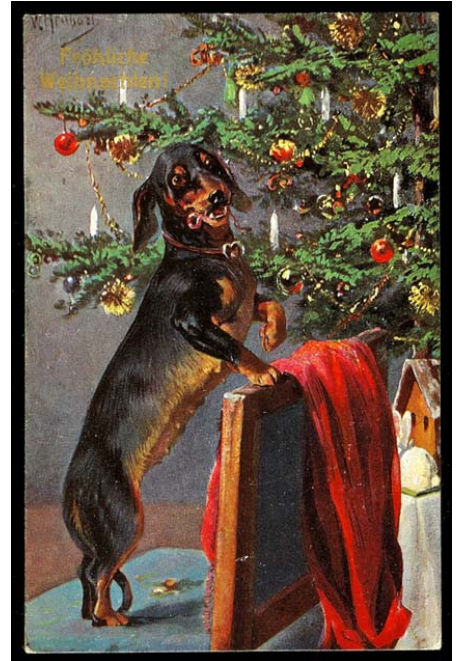
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- Diane Belle*
- Becky Dever*
- Rosemary Doran*
- MaryAnn H. Krawczynski*
- Sharon Morgan*
- Cheryl Roy*
- David & Travis Shuler*
- Jeanine Walker*
- Donna Wise*
- Welcome to CCCR*

CCDR currently has 100 fosters in foster care


under 1 year old -11	9 year olds - 6
1 year olds - 6	10 year olds - 6
2 year olds -6	11 year olds - 1
3 year olds - 13	12 year olds - 9
4 year olds - 11	13 year olds - 2
5 year olds - 12	14 year olds - 2
6 year olds - 4	15 year olds - 0
7 year olds - 5	16 year olds - 1
8 year olds -5	



Faith, Hope and Charity with their mom, Abby. The pups were fostered by Patty Mastroianni and will soon be going to their forever homes.



Special Friends THANK YOU!!



<p>Janis Augustin Diane Belle Joann Brugnetti Ellen Cirangle Teresa & Michael Croswell Sandy & Timothy Drago Janet Elshof Karen Engeseth Stephen Gardner, Jr</p>	<p>Micheal Izdepski & Jim Couchon Laura Harris Colleen Leasck Emma Mathews Kevin Miller Michelle & George Parry Jeanne & Robert Perman Eliana Ramos Sharon Schemel Mark Solverud Carole Sondrup Lev Volynskiy</p>
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This time of year we all need to take a moment to appreciate all we have and to thank everyone around us. This is the season of giving and kindness. May it continue all year.

Happy Holidays to everyone and have a very safe and prosperous New Year.

CCDR MEMBER SHOUT OUTS!!

Teresa Shively - 47 adoptions since January 2007!!!!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication!



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Happy Endings! ♥ Winston ♥



When an injured black and tan dachshund was taken to the Memphis Humane Society by a good Samaritan it was not yet known that life was about to do a turn-around for one lucky dog!

Unable to treat Winston, who he is now named, the Humane Society contacted CCDDR for help. Our Memphis representative, Anne Hill, picked Winston up and took him to the Animal Emergency Center where x-rays showed Winston had been shot. A gun pellet was lodged in his side and he had lost a lot of blood needing supportive care of oxygen, IV fluids and medication. The emergency visit cost CCDDR \$764.00. The following day Winston was transferred to Walnut Grove Animal Clinic where he continued with recuperative care and treatment and where veterinarians determined the pellet was best left inside Winston due to the chance of major damage being done if there was an attempt to retrieve it. Winston not only had to deal with the bullet but when he had a heartworm test done he was positive, requiring two months of treatment and more recuperative care. By the time Winston recovered from his heartworm treatment, received his immunizations and was altered his bill was \$626.00. All total, Winston's care came to \$1390 and his adoption fee was \$250.00.

Today Winston lives with his new family, Carrie and Andrew in Worcester, MA. Winston has become a remarkable little dog who is very much loved. He especially enjoys the regular 3-4 mile hikes with his new guardians. Rescue is fun because there are always little things one learns about a dog when they come into foster care. With Winston it was an adoration of tennis balls, enough so he proudly carried one on his transport to his new home so he had it when he arrived. Today Winston's motto is "a tennis ball for every dachshund." Thank you Carrie and Andrew for adopting a special little boy. ♥

Happy Endings! ♥ Big John! ♥ By Teresa Shively

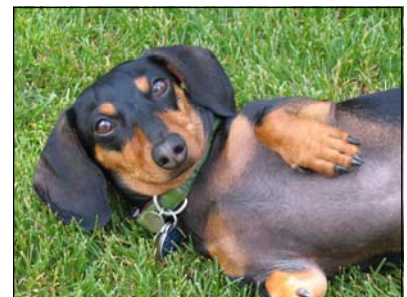


The dog named "Blind John" came from Missouri - puppy mill capital! He was used by the puppy miller as a stud dog for seven years. When I first met Blind John, my heart just sank. He was born with very deformed eyes, and could not see. I thought to myself, no one will want to adopt him. Blind John became "Big John" and he stole my heart. I took him to the vet knowing the vet would tell me negative news. I was sure he was going to tell me that this loving dog had organ damage, medical issues and problems that would be found through blood work. Both the vet and myself were surprised when everything came back normal. Except for a dental to remove the many bad teeth, his blindness and deafness, Big John was "fine!" Who would love this gentle soul? Just then a man and his son were at the vet to pick up their one-eyed poodle and cat born without eyes that just had dentals. They met Big John and we talked about his story and his fate. They returned home to discuss bringing home Big John to the family. They agreed Big John needed to live with them. The vet did the home visit and Big John joined a family of handicapped animals and became the love of a family whose hearts were bigger than most. Special people like this deserve special rewards. Big John had an angel watching out for him and now lives the life of a very happy boy with a truly wonderful and loving family.



Maggie May with her new "mom" and "brother." Maggie was one of our seniors who was adopted and is now living the life she always dreamed of.

Petey from Colorado, before and after foster care. Thanks Karin!
Go Petey! Petey now has his own loving home and is loving life! Rescue works!!





5 YEAR OLD BOY FUNDRAISES FOR CCDR

Just when you think children only ask for things, you happen along a child that warms your heart and shows such generosity that you have to puff up and just be proud! That's just what a 5 year old boy did when his family adopted a dog from CCDR and their son found a way to help other rescued dachshunds like his new found friend, Rex.

When Rex, previously known as Snoopy, arrived into foster care he came with a basketful of issues that his foster mom, Laura Bostwick dedicated herself to overcoming. Snoopy had anxiety attacks and was also not house trained leaving her little choice but to go "back to basics" for training. Crating Snoopy

was not an option because Snoopy became too upset at being in such a confined space. Laura decided to use an x-pen to confine him when needed. This allowed Snoopy more space but still a safe confinement to begin his behavior modification treatment. Laura armed with determination and a lot of love and patience, excelled at modifying what were two very challenging behaviors and overcoming them. Snoopy began to lose his anxiousness and he learned that good house skills reap wonderful rewards.

Today Rex, lives with a remarkable family and is the pride and joy of Nicholas, their 5 year old son. One day when a tennis instructor came into the family's business he brought tennis balls in thinking the store could use them. Nicholas came up with an idea that astounded everyone. He suggested his family sell the tennis balls and donate the money to dachshund rescue so other dachshunds like Rex could be helped. The idea turned into reality and Nicholas was able to raise \$30 that he proudly sent to CCDR. Snap, snap to Nicholas! Thank you Nicholas and thank you for giving Rex a wonderful home!



Puppy Mills - What they're all about

You're walking through the mall and you see a pet shop. You stop and look in the window at the adorable puppies and proceed to go in and see a line of glass cages with cute, bouncing puppies looking out, romping and playing or taking a peaceful nap. Behind that glass and behind each of those puppies are heartbreaking conditions where they were born. Mother dogs that never see the ground to walk on, never feel the warmth of a blanket, bed or loving arms and are never treated for medical conditions when they arise. Behind that cute puppy are also the male dogs who live in cramped wire cages and are only kept to continue the breeding cycle when females need to be bred. While in the mill they'll be housed in small, confining, dirty, unhealthy and often tragic



conditions. The pups you see in the pet shop are the lucky ones, but those left behind to continue the cycle of more puppies often die much too early or are killed by their keepers because they are no longer needed or not producing enough puppies. Why does this happen? It is for money, greed and the demand of cute puppies to sell in pet shops across the country. The public is unsuspecting and vulnerable so they buy that cute puppy in the pet shop, often having much heartache follow from behavior problems to medical problems. Puppy mills do not breed the "best of the best" nor do they care what dog they breed to what dog. They don't care about genetic problems, color combinations, temperament and definitely do not know the dog's medical history. That doesn't matter. Produc-

tion and quantity is what matters and sadly, it's just a business and the dogs are just property, not the loving, breathing animal that deserves love and a home, but a disposable commodity that is transferred or killed when their worth is over. How can it stop? Only the public can stop this travesty and that is by NOT buying a puppy from a pet shop and NOT buying a puppy through the Internet. So, where would you buy a puppy or adopt a pet in need? Go to a reputable breeder if you wish to have a pet that you know its background, health and appearance or find a rescue organization that handles the breed you are interested in.

A puppy mill is a business; the facility is designed purely for profit, not for the well-being of dogs. Laws are on the books to provide minimum-care standards for puppy-mill animals, but enforcement has historically been spotty at best. The U.S. Department of Agriculture licenses and inspects "commercial breeding facilities for violations of the Animal Welfare Act; likewise, a handful of states have laws that provide oversight of some breeding operations as well. But puppy mills can successfully navigate around

these laws, either by selling directly to consumers (thereby avoiding USDA licensing requirements) or by simply avoiding the reach of law enforcement (with so few USDA inspectors and minor fines, it's easy to stay in business). Several hundred thousand puppies are shipped cross-country to be sold in pet shops, but many are sold via newspaper classifieds or Internet sites and are often accompanied by false claims such as, "We'd never sell puppies from a puppy mill" or promises that the puppies are "home raised," "farm raised," or "raised with kids/grandkids." The ploys of the puppy mill are designed to dupe a well-intentioned family into buying a puppy and keeping the engine of cruelty working overtime.

Missouri has been the state that had most of the puppy mills located in even though mills are in other states. But, Pennsylvania now breeds more dogs than any state on the east coast and the concentration of puppy mills in Lancaster County is unparalleled anywhere in the country. In the heart of Amish and Mennonite country, thousands of puppies in are crowded in locked buildings that used to be barns, chicken coops or trailers and have been crudely converted into kennels. Picture an old trailer or barn falling apart with 16"x36" wire cage kennels lining the walls and stacked three high. Roofs are often falling in and leaking. There is no heat in the winter and no cooling system when the temperatures soar to 90 degrees.

Waste is allowed to collect for days and the floors of many are covered with urine and feces, and contaminated with viruses. There is no ventilation, so the odor of feces and urine is inescapable. The wire-bottom cages are not kept in good repair and are usually rusting with feces hanging from the wire bottoms. Paws are cut and infected by constantly standing on wire. Animals are crowded, sometimes 3 or 4 in a cage, filthy from their own excrement. Some females are very pregnant; some have pups in the cages with them. All are filthy, matted and smelling. Many are ill, but no vet will be called in. It cuts into the profit margin. In the eyes of a puppy miller, they are all disposable. Visitors are not allowed and photographs are prohibited.



What can you do to help stop the puppy mill trade and if you wish to add a dog to your home?

- 1. We need laws passed in every state that makes abusing an animal a felony.** Write your Senators and Representatives about your outrage at the horrible animal abuse that is allowed to happen in this country, the neglect and abuse in puppy mills and make stricter laws for inspections to these facilities. Make your voice be heard!
- 2. Inform everyone you now about buying from responsible breeders.** Tell them that to find a responsible breeder by asking their vets, go to dog shows, or ask friends for referrals.
- 3. Find a responsible breeder and visit their premises.** Responsible breeders provide a loving and healthy environment for their canine companions, but don't take their word for it. Never buy a puppy without seeing where they and their parents are raised and housed with your own eyes if possible. Investigate the breeder, ask for references and ask them to show you their certificates showing that they do vet their puppies, they do vet their adults and test them for known genetic disorders and ask them to show you the dog's champion certificate. Those are the breeders who should be selling to the public.
- 4. Do not buy from a pet shop.** Despite what they may tell you, pet stores do sell puppy mill puppies and their goal is to sell puppies as quickly as possible so another puppy can be put in its place. You'll notice that pet shops offer incentives to buy as well as "push" you into buying by using emotion by placing that cute puppy in your arms knowing the majority of the people will buy it on the spur of the moment.
- 5. Don't be swayed by a great website or ad.** Just because a website says great things about their "home raised" or "family raised" puppies doesn't make it true. Many puppy millers pose as small family breeders online and in newspaper and magazine ads. Internet sites often cute puppies with props of flowers or tiny furniture behind them to entice people to buy them. These puppies come with enormous fees, often times 3 times what a puppy would cost from a good breeder.
- 6. Consider adoption.** Adopting a dog instead of buying one is the surest way to strike a blow against puppy mills. To find the perfect match, you'll want to choose the right breed for you and your lifestyle. Animal shelters have dozens of dogs, many of them purebreds, just waiting for homes. Every breed has multiple rescue organizations. Find one close to you and work with a representative to help find a dog that is compatible with you and your family. There are also non breed specific rescue groups who represent mix breeds, small breeds and giant breeds. Don't overlook these organizations. Often times the mixes have a smaller following but they are as equal in need of loving homes and families. You will even find former puppy mill breeders who were saved by rescue in reputable rescue organizations. Please investigate rescue to help a dog in need.
- 7. As difficult as it is, avoid the temptation to "rescue" a puppy mill puppy by buying him.** Even though your intentions may be good, don't buy a puppy with the idea that you are "rescuing" him or her. Your "rescue" opens up

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space for another puppy mill puppy and puts money into the pockets of the puppy mill. It also continues the cycle of those who are left behind at the mill to be bred cycle after cycle until the mother dog can no longer produce. Her fate is sealed and she is disposed of never having been loved, petted or bathed her entire life but used as a breeding machine for the benefit of a heartless mill owner.

Remember, Pet stores won't leave their cages empty and websites won't leave their pages blank. The money you spend on your puppy goes right back to the puppy mill operator and ensures they can continue breeding and treating dogs inhumanely.

Please help by NOT going into pet stores and by making friends and family aware of the injustice of puppy mills and bogus Internet sales. One more person who becomes aware tells another and soon the public will be educated. ☺

Holiday Hazards

Holiday Hazard	Dangerous details	What to watch for	Keep it safe
Christmas tree water	Tree fertilizers can contaminate stagnant water and breed bacteria that cause gastrointestinal upset.	Drooling may be a sign of nausea. Painful stomach aches often result in vomiting.	Cover the water with a tree drape, use a tree skirt or buy a fake tree.
Hanukkah and scented holiday candles	Fire hazard if knocked over by a pet and possibly harmful due to formaldehyde in some brands being emitted when burned.	Agitation or licking if they sniffed and burned their nose or if hot wax fell on them.	Don't leave candles unattended. Use natural products such as soy candles and candles made with essential oils.
Candy	The sweetener xylitol can cause seizures. Chocolate contains the stimulant methylxanthine and theobromine. Both dangerous to dogs	Vomiting, diarrhea, rapid heartbeat, muscle trembling, liver failure	Make sure candy is wrapped and out of reach of pets.
Christmas tree decorations	Ingesting lights, tinsel or ribbon can cause intestinal obstruction. Glass ornaments can cut internal tissues.	Pawing at the mouth, bleeding or cuts, vomiting, loss of appetite.	Remove ornaments or tinsel that fall to the floor. Decorate the bottom of the tree with wood or decorations that don't break.
Holiday plants and flowers	Holly berries can be toxic and mistletoe may cause gastrointestinal and cardiovascular problems.	Vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy if ingested.	Make sure mistletoe is affixed firmly so it will not fall; keep holly out of reach. Or buy artificial plants and flowers.

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#### Cranberry delights - Pat Cate

- 1 apple
- ½ can whole berry cranberry sauce
- ½ cup honey
- Water as needed for consistency
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 cups oatmeal
- 3 cups whole wheat flour



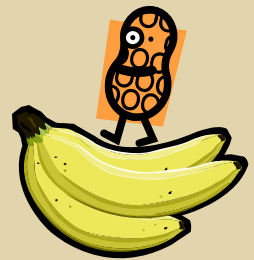
Core apple and process in food processor with the cranberry sauce. Combine with honey, cinnamon, oatmeal and a small amount of water. Gradually blend in flour and additional water as needed to make a stiff dough.

Spoon by rounded teaspoons onto a lightly greased cookie sheet, spacing about 2 inches apart. Dip glass in small amount of flour and flatten each into a circle.

Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove and flip each cookie to brown evenly on both sides. Reduce temperature to 325 degrees and bake an additional 30 minutes. Turn off oven and let sit overnight to dry. (Or if they aren't dry enough, turn oven to 225 degrees

#### Peanut Butter 'Nanners - Shelley Dering

- 1 large ripe banana
- 1/2 cup all natural peanut butter
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 apple peeled, seeds removed and cut in pieces (I use Delicious apples)
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1/3 cup water if needed
- 1 lb brown rice flour



Puree banana, apple pieces, cinnamon, and rolled oats in food processor (You may have to add a little water while pureeing for a better consistency).

Transfer to large mixing bowl and add flour a little at time while mixing to make a stiff dough. Roll out to 1/4 inch thick. Use cookie cutters to cut out shapes and bake at 325 for 1/2 hour. Turn off oven and leave in overnight for crunchy treats.

**Yummmmmmy!**

## Meef the Members - Teresa Shively



Looking back it is hard to believe that it has been forty years, since I experienced my first true love, Princess, a beautiful red smooth Dachshund. We did everything together, and to this day I think of her often. I still have a picture of us both playing dress up with Granny Fannie's old hats and dresses. I didn't get to share that special bond with another Dachshund until 18 years ago, when Zeppelin came into my life, a stunning black and tan smooth girl that was everything to me. She was my soul mate, and I will love her forever. She taught me what true love is, and even though I couldn't find it in the human world for awhile, her love, and companionship was always there for me. What a selfless little girl. She taught me to be kind, compassionate and loving. And so we opened our hearts and home to two more Dachshunds, Adolphus and Schatten.

Ten years ago this December, I lost many who were precious to me and never felt such loneliness and sadness. The internet was just becoming available, and I spent time web surfing. One day I typed in that one word DACHSHUND. WOW! There were a lot of people in the world with Dachshunds. I kept searching for more info, I was intrigued, I had to learn more. Then I found it, Dachshund Rescue. I have to get involved I thought, this is how I can heal my heart, by helping little homeless dogs.

Looking back, I didn't know much about rescue, shelters, abuse, unwanted dogs. Over the years working with that first Dachshund Rescue group and then joining CCDR in 2001, I have worked with many wonderful people to save hundreds of dogs. Although I have lost count of how many I have touched, I have realized it is not a number that matters, it is being ready to help the next one, and the one after that.

Two years ago, life took another turn. After working more than twenty years in the high tech industry, my job was being moved over seas and I decided I wanted to do something that had more meaning. My super supportive husband Andy and I bought the 3-D Ranch, and moved to the country. Then an existing boarding kennel literally fell into my lap. We became the proud owners of the Dirty Dancing Dachshund Ranch, and Aunt T's Pet Motel. The next chapter of life has been a very busy, learning experience. I know more about rattlesnakes than I ever wanted, I have learned how to pack snake shot around while doing Ranch chores. I have learned to love the nightly sounds from the wild song-dogs. And I have learned to embrace the fierce winds that blow daily across the prairies.

Being a business owner, I have learned it takes a lot of work, and there is no such thing as a day off. During peak season, I care for 4 cats and upwards of 45 dogs. I have been able to help other Rescue groups, by housing their homeless until an adoptive or foster home comes available. I have also been able to offer shelter to Dachshunds whom just need a safe place to stay until their families can get back on track. One recent example was an older diabetic female and an epileptic male. Their owner took very good care of them, and was a victim of domestic violence, and had to hide away in a safe house while the dogs were left in the vet's care. The owner contacted me and asked for help. For 6 weeks, I gave insulin shots and medication. They were able to stay together until reunited with their mom. It was a joyful reunion.

For fourteen years, I have hosted the annual Weenie Roast here in Colorado, a big Dachshund Family reunion. We take a day out of our busy lives and just spend it in the park cherishing our beloved Dachshunds. This is great fun, as the formally homeless Dachshunds, get to show off their new families, and most remember old Aunt T. A new annual event was hosted this year, The Long Dog Derby-Weenie Wacing 4 Wescues. Between the two events, close to \$5,000 dollars was raised to help CCDR pay the vet bills.

Looking back, I have healed my heart along the way and made many good friends. Dachshund Rescue has been my passion for almost a decade and I can not thank enough the many people whom have come into my life to help these homeless dogs. To my husband Andy and our children-the Dachshunds, 14 yo Oscar, 11 yo Big Sammie, our 10 year olds-Schatz, Max, Lily, Chunky 9, Binx, 8, Leon, and 6 year old Dexter. Thank you for your love and support. Thank you to the foster families, the caring veterinary doctors and staff, the CCDR membership and board, the adoptive families, the donating families. Your help and support has saved a lot of lives. Wishing you all a Happy Dachsholiday!

~Teresa Shively



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF****People**

- ILM of a dachshund loving woman, Arlene Grosjean, Grady's Mom of Cheyenne, Wyoming. -The Carlson's of Cheyenne
- ILM of Jack Greene, who passed on today (August) - Dale Oakes
- ILM of Jack Greene, who loved dachshunds in Monument, Colorado." -Mike, Eve, & Doc Swartzell
- ILM of Jack Lewis Greene. -Mrs. Margaret Monkton (Bedfordshire, England) and Gary & Linda Monkton (Dorset, England)
- ILM of Arlene Grosjean, Grady's Mom. From the Carlson's. Teresa Shively wrote, "Arlene was a beloved member of the Colorado Dachshund Community who passed away from cancer. She leaves behind her husband Joe, and her beloved Grady. Arlene was a huge support at our local fundraisers, and Grady always wore his little cowboy hat to parties."
- ILM of Grandmother Marge Bailey, your beautiful spirit is missed greatly. -The Colorado Shively's
- ILM for Barry Wright -Teresa Shively

**Dogs**

- ILM of our Maggie. We miss you so very much. -Bonnie & Rick Marcus, Fudge, Mouse, Cookie and C.J.
- ILM of my precious Lucy. -Terry Denniston
- ILM of Maggie Marcus. Beloved of Bonnie and Rick. -Judy & the Wade Kids
- ILM Sweet Monster Man of the Colorado Shivelys. -Judy & the Wade Kids
- ILM of Maggie Marcus. -Mary and Rick Afton
- ILM Christian Allan - a puppy that we were planning to bring into our home and love forever but one that was taken before we could even meet him. -Krista & Chris Allan
- ILM Monster Man...It's not easy to say goodbye, so dearest Monster Man, we will just say, *see you soon*. We miss you so and love you more. -Colorado Shively's
- ILM Oscar, beloved quiet little guy of Paul & Tina Salisbury. -Judy & the Wade Kids
- ILM Polly, beloved dachshund of my family, Ron and Johanna Becker. She was a very sweet dog, and they loved her dearly. -Kate Studdard
- ILM of Maggie Marcus. -Sandy, Larry, Jay & Gus
- ILM of Oscar Salisbury who was released from his life August 15, 2007. "I have been privileged to house-sit

Oscar Salisbury in the last several years and continue to work with Tina Salisbury." -Denise & Randy Benda

- ILM of Schultz who went to the Rainbow Bridge on August 27. -Schultz's Grandma and Namp
- ILM of my doxie Schultz who went to the Rainbow Bridge on August 27 after a prolonged illness. Run free my Little Man. -Cindy, Rusty & Daisy
- ILM of "Maggie Marcus" -Karen Engeseth
- ILM of my dachshund, Gretchen. -Wendy E. White
- ILM of Maggie Marcus -Erin Marcus
- ILM Willie, sweet boy of Bridget Kelly. -Judy Wade
- ILM of Muffin our departed standard doxie/poodle mix who passed away at age 19. -Jay Leinbach
- ILM of our Maximilian, our handsome little boy who passed onto rainbow bridge May 20, 2007. We will always keep him alive in our hearts. Ginny Hassler

**IN HONOR OF**

- IHO Angie Miller. -Sheila Weiss
- IHO my precious Lucy. -Terry Denniston
- In loving joy of my two dachshunds, Becky and Mella. Mella joined us two years ago through CCDD. -Wendy E. White
- IHO "Lucy" and Lauren Simmons. I am glad that I was able to help save Lucy and get her such a great home! -Sandy Zuckerman
- IHO Christian Allan's momma Alice and foster mom Patty. -Krista & Chris Allan
- IHO the following Florida veterinarians who went above and beyond to help our dear Sweet Pea: Dr. McDonough and staff at Charlotte Animal Hospital of Port Charlotte, FL;
- IHO Dr. Anne Chauvet at Veterinary Neuro Services in Sarasota, FL;
- IHO Dr. Salisbury at Animal Eye Care in Sarasota, FL. -Judy & Kenny Wade
- IHO our two doxies--Katie our 10 year old red head & Lucky our 9/15/2001 CCDD adoptee. -Jay Leinbach
- IHO Sweet Pea Wade on her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. -Luv, Mommie
- IHO of the puppy Christian, his sisters Faith, Hope, and Charity, and his mother Alice. The girls were named because we all have Faith that Christian is in a better place and we Hope for the best for the remaining puppies and Alice. Patty Mastroianni has shown the greatest amount of Charity by welcoming them all into her home and giving them her love and devotion. -Sharon Schemel



**A Rescue Prayer**

Now I lay me down to rest  
 I pray my soul can stand this test  
 Of watching critters lose their homes  
 While owners gripe and cry and moan

I long for strength of spirit that  
 They'll find a loving home again  
 Where they will know a loving heart  
 I can't do much, but it's a start

And spare me from the owner's pleas  
 About the baby's allergies  
 Or how they're moving out of state  
 Or spitefulness 'tween cat and mate

Please keep me sane while dealing with  
 The woman who bought as a gift  
 A wriggling tiny ball of fluff  
 That now is playing way too rough

Remind me I should bite my lip  
 When confronted with "he grew too quick"  
 "I didn't know he'd get so large"  
 "He seems to think that he's in charge"

Protect my heart when I hear them say  
 "I think we'll breed our dog one day"  
 Sometimes I think it'll break in two;  
 Each day brings trials harsh and new

And if I die before I wake  
 I pray one hopeless soul you'll take  
 My tears are gone, my faith is bare  
 Lord, please hear my rescue prayer.  
 ~ Unknown

**The Golden time**

**Dedicated to Simon**

By Christelle Del Prete



Golden leaves carpet the sidewalk as I inch around the suburban block with my dog Simon. Simon is 15 and does not move as fast as he once did. I could deal with this in one of three ways: I could become impatient with this daily walk, knowing I have close to 500 things I could or should be doing at home; I could exert pressure on the leash and hurry him along; or, I could simply slow down and enjoy these few precious moments sandwiched between the sunlight and leaves with my dog. I choose the latter, and only coax him along gently with a whistle or a "c'mon, baby" occasionally. He trots a few steps, ears held high, until he finds a new smell or a spot in which to linger. I stand with him and breathe.

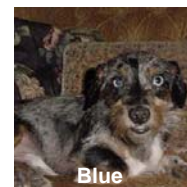
Many people, when considering adoption of a dog, prefer puppies. But puppies, though wonderful little beings, embody the frenetic pace we all feel so pressured to keep. Senior dogs know better; they know that, oftentimes, hurry is wasteful and that if you move too fast sometimes you miss the most simple, but beautiful, things. Most importantly, older dogs know how to just be. This is a skill that my yoga instructors strive to teach. But we don't have to pay for yoga classes to learn these things. If we open our hearts to a senior, and give him or her the time that they need, they will pass on this gift to us before they leave.

Simon and I round the block and head for home. Once inside, my eye slides toward the clock. I usually allow a half an hour for our walks, and this one has taken nearly all of that time. I sigh contentedly as I put away Simon's leash and reward him with a treat. Those thirty minutes may very well be the most peaceful moments of my day.

**Dexter Dogs Fund**

The members of CCDR know the tragedy that struck Cheryl and Jim Dexter starting in September 2006, but the public may not be aware of the horrific tragedy they endured and as a result the loss of five of their six precious dogs and their remaining dog now suffering from the affects of also ingesting it. The Dexter dogs died as a result of a cruel person who laced food with antifreeze and put it in the Dexter's yard. If that wasn't enough to endure, the perpetrator returned and attacked again. The Dexter's have started a fund for dogs in need of high cost medical care in the name of their beloved pets. To learn more about the Dexter Dogs Fund please visit [www.dexterdogs.net](http://www.dexterdogs.net).

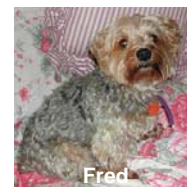
**ALWAYS KEEP CAUSTIC ITEMS AWAY FROM YOUR PETS!**



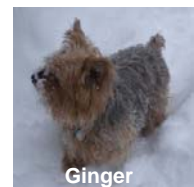
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