



# Shorewood Cocker Rescue

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Holiday 2010

## *Determined and Dedicated For 25 Years*

### *Shorewood Forges Ahead*



**Shady - 9 yrs.**  
Full of energy, loves car rides  
and gets along with others.

As was the case with the rest of the country, 2010 was a difficult year in rescue. Many rescues did not survive the year either due to lack of funds or volunteers. The shortage of foster homes is critical. As the number of dogs needing help increases, it seems that the number of people willing to help diminishes. Hopefully, people will find it in their hearts to open their homes to one of these innocent creatures this holiday season. Shorewood is fortunate in that we do have a core group of people who have been with us for years. The key words are "have been with us for years". We are not getting any younger. We need some new blood. This holiday season when you look at your Shorewood dog, keep in mind that he might not be alive today but for a person who unselfishly opened their home to him.

As always, it was a big year for our seniors; Fred, Clarence, Grady, Henry, Corky, Lucky, Shelia, Tasha, Marissa, Bella, Holly, Sunshine and Rusty. Hats off to the people who understand how wonderful these senior dogs can be. They have so much life left in them and so much love to give. One of the high points of the year was the adoption of Spunky and Velvet, our bonded pair of 12 years olds. A wonderful family drove many miles from Indiana to make this happen.

Each year we get in a number of dogs which require more extensive medical treatment. 2010 was no exception. We had our share of heartworm positive dogs and as always, we have a few dogs who require surgeries which are well in excess of \$1000. Lady was one of those dogs. She was a young dog who was well on her way to becoming totally blind. It is a tough decision to make. She was a sweet dog and we knew her adoption chances would increase tenfold if her vision was restored. We were fortunate in that we received a \$500 grant from Petco toward her \$3000 surgery. After many trips to the ophthalmologist and what seems like thousands of eye drops, Lady can see again. We are preparing to go down that same road with a little Tri-color girl from a commercial breeder named Sassey. After living that life, Sassey certainly deserves a chance to find the good life she has never known.

On September 11, the day finally arrived for our annual Wigglebutt Walk. This is our only fund raiser and to be very honest without it our rescue could never survive. Our adoption fees do not come close to covering our costs. That morning many of our volunteers were on their way at 3 A.M. Others, stayed overnight at the camp grounds. At 2 A.M. the rain started to come down. There was thunder and lightning. This was not a good day. The first volunteers arrived at the park at 6 A.M. We started setting up what we could under the pavilion. We needed to make a decision. The decision was made, "go for it". Rain and all, we started to put up the canopies. At 8 A.M. it was still raining but things were looking a little better. Our spirits were high and we never doubted that we were going to make this happen. Happen it did. By 10 A.M. the rain had stopped and walkers started to arrive. The attendance was down from previous years but considering the weather, the turnout was fantastic. I can't tell you how grateful we are to those of you who braved the elements and supported us. You are very special people. You have played a part in giving some wonderful dogs a chance at a new life.

As the year draws to a close, we know we will face new challenges in the coming year. Across the county Animal Rights activists are lobbying for laws that will make dog ownership more difficult and present major challenges for those of us in the rescue community. As Shorewood Cocker Rescue enters its 26th year, we are determined to meet those challenges. Wishing you a happy holiday season!



**Darcy - 9-10 yrs.**  
A sweet boy who was found wondering  
the streets, He is happy to be loved.

Elaine Baumann, President

# Blind Dog Sees The Bright Side Of Life

## *Stootsie Looks For Her Forever Home*



Stootsie - 8yrs.

Have you ever been let out in the cold? Literally or figuratively? Do you remember how you felt? Well, that is exactly what happened to Shorewood's Stootsie.

For most her life, Stootsie was a much loved pet. Her life turned bad when her beloved owner was placed in a nursing home and eventually passed. A neighbor agreed to care for Stootsie and for the next eighteen months Stootsie lived outside.

When Stootsie was mercifully rescued from the situation, she was so infested with fleas that she had started to chew her legs. Most of her fur was missing from her back legs and all of it from her underside. Stootsie also had untreated dry eye. Shortly after coming to Shorewood Stootsie developed pneumonia. There were many days when we did not think she would survive. It took time, but she eventually turned the corner and was ready to search for a new family to love.

Unfortunately, fate would dictate more heartbreak for Stootsie. Her vision appeared to be diminished. After consulting with an ophthalmologist, Stootsie was diagnosed with a condition for which there is no known

cause or cure, SARDS. Dogs with this condition become blind almost overnight and now our wonderful, precious Stootsie is blind.

Those who have owned a blind dog know this is not the end of the world. After a short period of adjustment, Stootsie was able to do anything that any other sighted dog can do. She follows the other dogs tag jingles to go outside. She is adventurous and curious, and more times than not her sense of smell and hearing can get her into trouble! She can find food in the garbage can like any sighted dog and will beg once she locates the source of the food smell. Stootsie loves her tennis balls and her keen sense of smell helps her find it everytime. She especially likes the squeaky tennis balls. She likes to go for walks. Stootsie is a very sweet, happy girl and loves to be with her people, have her butt scratched and her name while you talk to her.

Stootsie is housetrained and does not do well in a crate. She is left out during the day and she is very well behaved and sleeps in her people's room on the floor by the bed at night. She is not good with cats. Stootsie will need drops in her eyes for the rest of her life.

This resilient girl does not consider herself at a disadvantage. She has learned to compensate and does not sulk or feel sorry for herself. She does not understand why people would feel sad for her. Stootsie knows there is someone out there with a big heart who will give her the love that she deserves. Stootsie returns all the love she gets tenfold. Please, consider making Stootsie a part of your family this holiday season and give her the warmth and security that she needs.

***Shorewood loves seniors!***

Shorewood remains committed to rescuing all cockers, not just the young ones. Senior dogs make wonderful family members. They are experienced in life and do not require the training that a young dog does. Seniors for the most part are content with life's basics; food, a warm bed, medical care and someone to love. These marvelous old souls just want someone to love them. Have you ever loved a senior dog? It is a rewarding experience.

# The Tie That Binds

## *Rain or Shine*

Rain did not dampen spirits or adoptions at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Wigglebutt Walk. Cockers and their owners gathered at Brightondale Park in Kansasville, Wisconsin, on September 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their good fortune and to help those cockers who are in need of homes.

This yearly tradition is a highly anticipated event by adopters and volunteers alike. The adverse weather conditions did not deter anyone from their objective.

Attendance was good, as adopters traveled from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Adopters and foster families exchanged hugs. Friends talked to friends about their cockers. Dedicated volunteers were there early to prepare, working hard to make this day happen. The adoptables were ready and eager to find their forever homes. Cockers on leashes walked to ensure that their rescued brethren would be cared for until their adoption day.

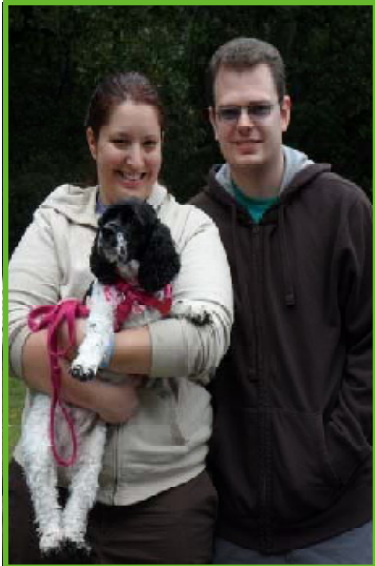


The landscape was dominated by cockers of many hues. This awesome sight, in and of itself, is what the Wigglebutt Walk is all about. Cocker Spaniels.

The cockers, with their long ears, big almond shaped eyes and wiggly butts, bring adopters and volunteers together. We come from rural and urban areas. We are married, single, and widowed. We are professionals and blue collar workers. We are short and we are tall. We are women and we are men. It is our love of cockers that draws us to the Wigglebutt Walk each year.

We enjoy the walk, games, contests, food court, silent auction and lure course, all the while remembering why we are here. It is for the cockers, the old and the young. The cockers who were found as strays and those who were private surrenders. It is for the cockers rescued from puppy mills and high kill shelters. It is for those cockers who were once loved family members and for those who have been used and abused. Our love of this breed and our desire to help those cockers in need the best way we can is why we attend the Wigglebutt Walk.

When the day is done, we say our good-byes all knowing full well that we will be back again next year. Bittersweet as it may be, there will always be cockers who need our help. Yes, it really is all about them. Our love of cockers is the tie that binds.



Annie  
Adopted  
July 5, 2009

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- I am interested in becoming a foster parent.
- I am interested in helping transport.
- I am interest in helping SCR in another way.

Your generous donation will  
help us provide care  
for homeless Cocker.



Buddy - 7 yrs.

A good boy who knows his commands  
and likes to go on walks.



Please mail your donation to:  
Donna Pffingsten, Shorewood Cocker Rescue  
1100 Erie Street, Janesville, WI 53545

# Shorewood Cocker Rescue Yahoo List

Coming  
Soon!

Join the list and share your views with other friends of Shorewood Cocker Rescue. There will be news of Shorewood happenings, events and just plain dog talk. It will be a chance for you to share your dog stories and photos as well as exchange ideas with other cocker owners.

This list will not be open to the general public so you will need to request membership. To do so, email Elaine at [ebaumann2@charter.net](mailto:ebaumann2@charter.net). We just ask that you do not stray too far off topic and not include jokes or political material unless they are dog related. We reserve the right to remove any offensive submissions and comments.

Hope to see you there!



**Buddy - 7 yrs.**  
A friendly, housetrained boy who loves humans and other animals.

*Help Shorewood as you shop online this holiday season!  
Every cent counts.*



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The mission of Shorewood Cocker Rescue, Inc. is to assist homeless Cockers find permanent homes with responsible, loving families. We spay or neuter all Cockers prior to placement and check references on all adopters. We make every effort to carefully match each Cocker with the right family to maximize the adoption's success." SCR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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*Happy Holidays!*