



THE LIFESAVER

CPR is Two years old.

By Corina

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Coastal Poodle Rescue has been operational for two years and 2 months now. How long have you been involved?

There is one goal in this rescue: to improve the quality of life for each rescue. Sometimes it's easy, and sometimes it's not. But in each case, Coastal Poodle Rescue will go the distance to achieve that happy ending or provide a loving final chapter in the dogs life.

Over 370! That's is right, we have saved over 370 dogs in two years. Thank You! for helping us do this, without our adopters, fosters, donors, transporters, volunteers etc. CPR could not have accomplished this.

Your time is never wasted when you volunteer, everything we do is geared towards making this group run smoothly and caring for as many dogs as possible. No matter what part you play, you are helping a dog find a new home. Whether you foster or do anything else you are ultimately helping a dog so don't think you can't make a difference just because you can't foster.

Do you have a great dog story? If so, send it to us and we can put it on our website or on our Petfinder pages. These stories are used to show people the results of our efforts and their donations. Send your story to our email at: info@coastalpoodlerescue.org

Financial Report

Did you know you can check out an organization's 501c3 status? Check out these links: <http://apps.irs.gov/app/pub78> <http://www.800helpfla.com/giftgiversguide/>

Also, you can verify an organization here <http://www.sunbiz.org/corpweb/inquiry/corinam.html>

This year has had it's ups and downs financially. CPR started the fiscal year strong with funds in reserve but then slowly over time those funds were depleted as more and more dogs came in and the ability to

have fundraisers was decreased. The same people who run the board and organization, have multiple fosters and work the events had no time to plan and gather support for fundraisers. Now we are making ends meet month by month and that can be stressful.

Can you help CPR with a donation? Rest assured we are using your funds wisely and doing the best we can for the dogs we have. Can you help organize a fundraiser? We really need help in this area, the board members and other high profile volunteers are stretched to their ends.

Did You Know?

Coastal Poodle Rescue is 100% supported by contributions. We receive no government funds of any kind.

We are run entirely by unpaid volunteer staff—which means your donation goes to the care of poodles, not staff salaries. This is something we are very proud of!

Things happening with CPR

CPR has an official **scrapbook** person now! Theresa Ahlin has agreed to keep our 'memories' alive in a scrapbook. If you have anything you would like to send her just send her an email. email:lilteeoh@aol.com

If you can help with any of these or have questions, email info@coastalpoodlerescue.org

Registered with **Petco** and **PetsMart** stores. CPR is registered with both of these stores. We are able to put up tear-strips and put flyers in their 'books' or on their 'boards' or 'adoption tables'. Do you shop at either of these stores? You *could* be helping us by keeping the stores stocked with our literature. Ask how.

Events Calendar! View the home page of our website and you will see the events we have scheduled. Just send us an email to tell us you can help or show up and dig in!

Like to surf the web? CPR is always looking for someone

to keep up with the various new sites that support rescue groups and could help us get the word out. If you like to surf the web and have an interest in rescue and/or poodles you could 'help us and do what you like!' You know about petfinder.com and 1-800-save-a-pet.com but there are other sites out there that could help us. Email the info email address above to volunteer.

Coastal Poodle Rescue SHIRTS! Have you seen someone in a CPR shirt? Do you want one? Well here is how it works! Go to www.justrightshirts.com (wearables catalog) the typical order is for one of these 2100, 2113, 5023, 2400 models, type these model numbers in the search box. These shirts run true to size from what we have seen. Send me an email cmsavela@yahoo.com, when I get enough for 12 shirts I order them. I would like to place an order May 26 so email me soon! I'll hand them out at the Meeting/Picnic or mail to you!

ANNUAL MEMBER Mtg/PICNIC — June 17, see the events page of the website for details. If you adopted from or volunteer for CPR you are invited!

Success is bittersweet

By Corina

CPR is bursting at the seams with poodles. CPR has gained a reputation out there in the rescue world as a good organization that really takes care of it's dogs. We work hard and try to do what is best for each dog.

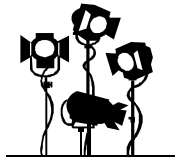
With 40 dogs in foster care and a no-kill philosophy we end up with foster homes filled with 'permanent' fosters. What does that mean? How do we define that? Well, I'll try to explain. CPR will take any poodle or poodle-mix it can find a foster home for pretty much. CPR cannot know the real situation of a dog until it is in our care and has seen one of our vets. Many times the shelters just don't know and the owners lie to us about the condition of the dogs they wish to surrender. We have to go on what the shelter or owner is telling us. Sometimes we end up with an older dog that has issues or a young dog with a medical condition or a diagnosis that says it has a shortened life expectancy. *Well what does CPR do then?* We don't put dogs down just because they are old or sick, have diabetes or have warts on them.

Many people do not want the heartache of losing a new pet shortly after adopting and that is understandable, it does hurt to lose a

great furry friend BUT from what perspective is that looking from? That perspective is looking from the 'me' perspective, what about the dog's perspective? Sometimes CPR gets dogs that have been neglected and that is not their fault, they can't see or hear 100% because they are older, well, we all get older and no one wants to be tossed aside because that can't perform like a 20 year old any more! A great dog is a great dog whether it is 4 or 12 years old. Can a dog help it if it has diabetes or a skin condition or seizures?

Back to 'permanent' fosters. Do you see where this leads? CPR ends up caring for these dogs in foster homes until their time comes. Due to the love and good nutrition/care these dogs get the older ones get 'younger' over time and after a few months you have a happy and healthy 12 year old that is going to stay in foster care for 3 years or so. CPR will adopt these dogs out if the right home comes along but most people don't want to look at these dogs. CPR then has to pay for the maintenance of these dogs while in foster care. Add up heartguard, frontline, vet trips, etc. and that drains our resources. CPR will not go to extreme measures to keep a dog alive when it's time has come but, lasix and other medications are routine for a senior dog and these items cost money. You can find these dogs listed on our special needs page or our senior for seniors page of the website.

So, next time you are looking for a furry friend, consider an older or special needs dog. Consider donating to help CPR pay for the care of these dogs and consider fostering one of them. I can tell you first hand after fostering 3 dogs which died as my fosters, it is very rewarding and sometimes your surprised by their ability to grow younger with time, each is special to me. I also adopted a 15 yr old that wasn't going to live more than 6 wks, he is now almost 2 yrs with me and very special indeed.



Supporter Spotlight

Most of our volunteers remember Abby—you can read about her in the August 2004 issue of this newsletter (see the link on the site). Here is a note from the person who adopted Abby after 4 years in foster care. Abby truly is a 'rescue' in every sense of the word! Thank You Catherine for being a CPR supporter and for adopting our Abby:

"I have changed Abby's name to LuLu! It suits her - I had it in my mind before really reading over her papers and realizing that she used to be called 'Susie'...it suits her, but it was too late, she was already responding to LuLu!!! Great changes for us...LuLu has started communicating with me!! She follows me ALL over the house, she comes when called - yes, ma'am!!!! I am now teaching her to "sit" for a cookie - which she takes - before she wouldn't take anything from me. She is learning to give her paw - and that is coming along quite nicely.

She still sleeps all day and all night - but in various baskets, quite comfortably. She tries to do what I want her to do - and I ask very little - i pilot her by saying no, no and "good girl". She is trying really hard and so am I and I can't wait to get home to her every night. Of course, Beau and Gigi dance with the pleasure of seeing me, even though Gigi is with me all day, !!! but LuLu just looks blankly at me still. She eventually gets out of her basket and comes into the room I am in...

We are working very very hard on house training. LuLu prefers the tile, but I am putting her on the grass and we are getting some good results. I ask her to come outside, and I usually catch her in the morning before she can do something in the house, and now she gets a little cookie for outside, so we are making progress.. It is all a question of trust. I let her know "It's NO LULU" OUTSIDE, but since she doesn;t get hit or hurt for doing the "no", she feels really good when she hears a "good girl LuLu!!" She hears it a lot! She is trying to figure it all out now that she feels pretty safe in the whole house, and Beau and Gigi have really been good to her, and she watches them when I say "come here and sit" and she tries to follow, so we should be doing really well soon.

I am proud of her! She is doing really well, I still haven't taken her to the beach only



Good Dog!

Special recognition for some of our volunteers.

Two volunteers have stepped up and made a huge difference in CPR's ability to handle the Orlando area and Down South again.

As some of you know, Robyn Decker, the Southern Area Coordinator moved to Colorado last year and CPR was unable to handle many dogs from the south due to a lack of foster homes and an area coordinator who could arrange and manage things down there. This year Debbie Dowis stepped up and has started fostering more dogs and coordinating for CPR in the south. This has made it possible for CPR to rescue more dogs from down there and that is a good thing! Now we need help for Debbie in the south, if you know of anyone from W Palm Beach south who can help CPR, or you have the ability, please let us know so we can

hook you up with Debbie and work as a team.

CPR has wanted to have a presence in the Orlando area but could never find a volunteer over there who wanted to be 'that involved'. Well, look out Orlando! because Pam Pearson came on board and is running the race. She has fostered, attended events (on her own too!) and is coordinating dogs.

Both of these women have made a commitment to CPR and the dogs we save. Because of their dedication we are making inroads again in the south and new roads in the Orlando area. Good Girls!

CPR also would like to thank our veterinarians, without their willingness to work with CPR, CPR could not do what it does. CPR relies on their knowledge and insight as it determines how to best 'recover' a family pet from a dirty pile of fur.

because of no TIME!!! but I am having her professionally groomed on Tuesday and Gigi too and I will bring her to the store then. She is a big mess, having had one bath only since I got her, but I don;t want her to be frightened by me - I dare not even attempt to clip nails, etc.

I will send pic of the new LULU - you will notice a different attitude - her body language is alert and certainly interested and cocky! I refuse to touch her when she is crawling in fear at my feet, I make her get up, and it helps her confidence. She is prancing around the house more and more, and it is a pretty sight!!"

CPR Polo Shirts...do you have one? Want one? See page 2

Members Meeting and Picnic June 17 See page 2 for details

We have more and more dogs arriving and we need more and more funds to pay for medical bills. If you can donate, please do, if you can organize a fundraiser that is even better! Contact us via the details on the top left of page 4.



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3rd Annual Putting for Poodles 2006

Come join us, compete and have a great time at our charity golf tournament at Turtle Creek.

When: Saturday, May 20 - Shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Where: Turtle Creek, Rockledge FL

- Terrific raffle prizes
- Silent auction - great stuff, great deals!

We Need Your Help

By Jerry and Corina

Ways you can help Coastal Poodle Rescue:

A writer, someone who likes to write would be wonderful. We would like to have someone write the stories you see on petfinder.com and then this newsletter should probably happen more than once a year!

Vets, we have volunteers now in the Orange County area. We need to find a good vet that will work with us.

Someone to take charge at Petco in Viera, FL. We need someone who can do at least once a month like Lin H did the first half of the year. As someone who goes weekly to PetsMart in Melbourne, believe me it makes a difference when you have a presence in a store. The great thing is you pick the days/hours, you just have to make a schedule and stick to it. Why sit at home watching soaps when you could be at Petco?

Coastal Poodle Rescue has many good volunteers. There are a lot of dog lovers willing to attend our fund raising events. A good example was our Spring Fling in April. The event was well attended by our volunteers, which made setup fairly easy. Because of our media exposure and reputation for always giving aid to a poodle in need, the public came out to participate.

There are many opportunities for our volunteers to help CPR. One of the more common and important

ways is to bring a foster into your home.

There is no shortage of poodles and poodle mixes in need. Some we have had to turn our backs to for lack of a home to place it. The result is never pleasant to think about. Other areas of help may be just a little leg work to your local pet store and veterinary clinic. There are many dog lovers that don't know we exist. Our fliers must be kept stocked in offices and on bulletin boards. Bringing your foster dog to PetCo or PetSmart on an afternoon or evening, for just a couple of hours a month gives us exposure. Let us know you want to help and we'll let you know what needs to be done.

Our organization must have a constant source of money to keep paying the vet bills. We have the volunteers to help and the support of the community. One of our biggest needs is to organize fundraising events. You organize it and they will come. Do you have a good idea for a way to raise money? Ever been to a fund raising event and think to yourself, "this was a good idea". If you have an idea and have the time to plan the event, we can help get the word out to the

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Meet the Board

By Lin

President Harriet Prine.

Harriet is a retired small business owner and is an extremely dedicated rescuer. She will go any length to ensure that all dogs get into the best possible home. Harriet has many years of experience in rescuing and fostering dogs. CPR was organized, she served as the Vice President. When the 2005-2006 elections were held, she was elected as President. She puts in endless hours and usually fosters dogs with the most extreme medical needs. In addition to all the transporting and fostering, Harriet coordinates all dog placements. She carefully reviews all approved applications and matches the applicant with the best dog for that person. She also is the recipient of all calls on the CPR Hotline. Somehow she found time to transport 28 dogs, foster 23 dogs and adopt one dog. She and her husband, Joe, live in Merritt Island. Joe is just as dedicated and helps Harriet in all areas of animal rescue. They are an unbeatable team.



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Vice President Jerry Bechtel. Jerry has always been considered himself a dog person. But admits he was not happy the day his wife Carol came home with a white poodle puppy when Jerry was a struggling college student about 30 years ago. He hasn't always had a dog in his home, but when he did, it was a poodle. That first poodle really made a lasting impression. After the sudden loss of one of their dogs, they couldn't think of having another one in the house for a while. They went to a Florida Poodle Rescue



event in Cocoa a few years ago just to see if they could help the cause. They began by transporting dogs up and down the coast. After a while they began to foster. When Coastal Poodle Rescue came into being, Jerry began taking a more active roll in the organization. Jerry does many of the application reference checks and he is at PetsMart every Friday night with at least one foster dog. He is responsible for bank deposits, sorting incoming mail and ensuring the right mail goes to the correct person for action. Jerry helps at all fund raising activities and other CPR events, plus he answers all email inquires on behalf of CPR. Since CPR began, he and Carol have fostered over 20 dogs, and have helped with many more dogs that were just passing through. Jerry now works part time for a small integrated circuit design and consulting company in Melbourne. He and Carol live in Palm Bay. (Photo: Jerry and his dog, Onyx.)

Secretary Lin Hilliard. Lin who lives in Satellite Beach began her association with CPR when she applied to adopt a dog from us. It all worked out and she adopted Joshua a red miniature poodle now known as Pepper. She liked the organization so much that she decided to donate her time and effort by making dog blankets and color adoption certificates for all CPR dogs year, plus she helped by transporting dogs at least one day per month to spread the word and doing emergency fostering. Lin goes to Petco about fosters and volunteers for the organization. In July 2005, Lin was elected to the board of directors and as secretary for CPR. To date she has transported 13 dogs, fostered 7 dogs and has adopted a second dog, Katie, from CPR. Counting their maltepoos, Charley, she and husband John have 3 dogs and continue to support CPR in all areas.



Treasurer Linda Pickett. Linda has been with Coastal Poodle Rescue from the beginning. She and her husband live in northern Merritt Island. She has transported 9 dogs and fostered 15. Linda was elected to the Board of Directors and is serving as the Treasurer. She continues to support CPR in numerous ways by participating in special events.

Board Member Corina Savela. Corina started with Florida Poodle Rescue as a volunteer in August 2003. When Coastal Poodle Rescue was organized in March 2004, Corina was elected as a Board Member and as treasurer. She continues to serve as a Board Member for the 2005-2006 season. Her present position is web master as well as Events Coordinator. Corina had 3 dogs prior to volunteering with CPR. She now has 5 dogs, 2 of them adopted from CPR. Corina has transported 10 dogs and has fostered 14 dogs. She really likes to help the older/sick poodles and enjoys working with troubled dogs. Corina is currently concentrating on publicizing CPR in the south Orlando/ Kissimmee area and trying to get more fosters on line. She goes to Petco in Kissimmee when possible and goes to PetsMart in Melbourne every week to spread the word about rescue and Coastal Poodle Rescue.

Board Member Linda Killian. Linda serves CPR in many areas. She has transported 9 dogs and fostered 9 dogs. Linda lives in Palm City and is an inactive registered nurse. Her extensive knowledge of medical issues has been a wonderful asset to CPR. Linda also maintains the CPR information/dog bios listed on Petfinder and I-800-Save-A-Pet web sites.

Board Member Delores Austell. Delores lives in Port St. Lucie and is a Career Specialist at Port St. Lucie High School. She has transported 3 dogs for CPR and has fostered 16 dogs. As a Board Member, Delores is always quick to help in any way she can with CPR events and projects.

Email the board at any time at: info@coastalpoodlerescue.org