



## Newsletter



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- Visit our website for information, pictures and video's of the cockers we currently have available for adoption as well as the dogs arriving soon.
- Interested in becoming a volunteer or foster parent please visit our website to learn more @ [www.angelsunderourwings.com](http://www.angelsunderourwings.com)

### *The Dynamic Duo!*

Harley and Sebastian came from Riverside County in California where they were part of 26 cockers seized from an animal hoarder. The situation they were confiscated from was horrific, living in filth, severely matted, malnourished and extremely underweight. Both boys weighing a mere 15lbs each with their ideal weight being around 24lbs. It took 4 baths just to get them clean enough to be able to shave them down to remove the mounds of dirty, matted hair that was covered with their own feces and urine. They both had to undergo cherry eye surgery (a common easily fixed prolapsed gland of the third eyelid) and be altered. They were frightened and un-socialized. When they first arrived they would cower and urinate if you tried to touch

them. Harley would scream in fear and try to flee. His little heart would pound so fast and he would salivate from the anxiety. We started their rehabilitation process by taking them on "pack" walks with about 20 people and their dogs. At first, no one attempted to interact with the scared siblings to give them time to learn to be able to trust humans again. Now the dog walker's comment what different dogs they are today and how far they have come. It's amazing what a little love and patience can do and how their little spirits remained loving and hopeful after everything they have been through. Only a dog can be this forgiving and willing to give humans another chance. Today the boys are happy little wigglybutts with a lot of love

to give. Now when we pick them up they just melt into our arms and snuggle closer. We



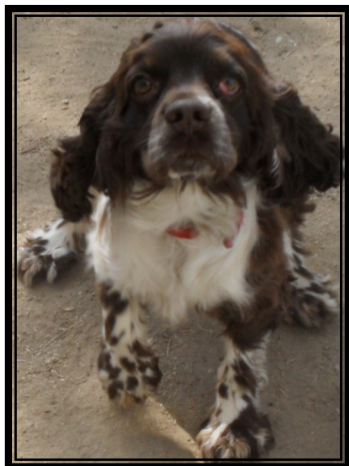
would love to keep them together as they are a bonded pair and are good company for one another that it would be rather a shame to separate them but we won't let that stop them from getting a loving home of their own. If you would like to adopt one or both of these lovable boys please go to our website to complete our online Adoption Application.

### *Who's searching for their "forever" homes!*

With the economy the way it is today combined with the problem of pet overpopulation sadly there is no shortage of cockers for us to rescue. We currently have several wonderful dogs available for adoption as well as many more arriving in the next several months. In addition to Harley & Sebastian we have Travis

their sibling, a four year old black and tan male with a goofy personality. Travis has undergone cataract surgery but his vision will never be "perfect." He gets along well with other dogs and likes people once he gets over his initial shyness. We have Herbie the super adorable 1 year old buff boy who needs an

active family and a fenced yard. He loves to chase a ball and gets along great with other dogs. We feel he would be fine with older children 10yrs and up who are used to dogs. We also have sweet, easy going Tessa. The happy go lucky girl who loves everyone! Please visit our website for more information, pictures & videos.



*Rusty the gorgeous cocker boy needs your help!*

## *Rusty Needs Sponsors!*

Meet Rusty! The gorgeous 2 year old chocolate and white parti colored cocker. The sweet, shy boy that quickly warms up once he gets to know you. Rusty was taken in by some caring people off the streets of Los Angeles who are not able to keep him but are determined to keep him out of the shelter system. They sent a plea out to the local cocker rescue groups in the area who unfortunately were not able to take him in as they were

already overwhelmed and over capacity. Although we too currently have no available room we did not want to see this beautiful boy end up in the shelter so we agreed to take him even though we have no alternative but to put him in boarding. Rusty is temporarily residing in a boarding facility in Los Angeles. Once he arrives here he will have to undergo surgery to fix his cherry eye (a common, easily fixed prolapsed gland of the

third eyelid) and will be neutered at the same time. Once he has recovered he will be available for adoption. We currently need sponsors for Rusty to help us with both his boarding expenses and surgery costs. Thank you for supporting animal rescue!

**“There are beautiful highly adoptable Cocker Spaniels getting euthanized daily due to lack of space in the shelters.”**

## *Foster Homes Desperately Needed!*

Fostering is an essential part of animal rescue. Sadly, often we have to turn dogs away due to lack of resources and space. The shelters have far too many animals and don't have the time or take the initiative to provide proper and humane care of the dogs coming into the shelter. The primary role of a foster home is to get to

know the individual dog's personality and needs so we can match it up to the “right home.” In addition the foster home may need to help with socialization, obedience training, crate training and/or housetraining. If willing, possibly caring for a cocker if they are recovering from a medical issue. Above all a

foster home provides a temporary warm, safe, loving and nurturing environment just as if it was there own dog. Angels Under Our Wings pays for all approved veterinary care. A foster home literally enables us to save a dog's life as well as plays a valuable role in their adoption. Now that's a rewarding experience!

*Sunday, June 6th, 2010  
10:00am—5:00 pm  
1528 Stelly's Cross Road  
Hosted By:*



## *Pet Adoption Fundraising Fair*

Come! Sit! Stay! Please mark your calendar's and join us for the Pet Adoption Fundraising Fair on Sunday, June 6th at the Saanich Fairgrounds from 10am to 5pm. Spend the day with family, friends and fellow dog lovers and come meet all of the wonderful animals available for their “forever”

homes through the many local rescue groups on Vancouver Island. You can enjoy a delicious BBQ of grilled burgers and hot dogs, browse the “for sale’ items and shop for your furry friend or try your luck at the raffle table. There will be face painting for the kids and more!

\*\*In order to keep the atmosphere as calm as possible for the rescue animals kindly leave your pets at home.



## Scooby the aqua dog!

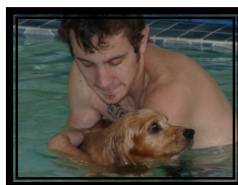
Scooby was turned into the shelter by his owner along with 2 other dogs Priscilla and Fonzie, no reason given. Upon seeing a picture of Scooby and learning about this sweet puppy's temperament one of our wonderful previous adopters inquired about adopting him. So he was brought up from Los Angeles with his house mate Priscilla (who has been adopted to a wonderful home here in Victoria and her new name is

Sophie). After a vet visit and learning the obvious that he was very underweight it was discovered that Scooby had a lack of muscle tone and his knees kept dislocating. We feel he probably was caged a lot in his short young life. The vet advised no running so we looked for an alternative form of exercise that would be easy on his knees but would build muscle tone and the first thing that came to mind was aqua therapy. We contacted Cory

from K9 Fit Fur Fun to book some sessions and were excited to get started. Scooby of course was apprehensive but Cory was amazingly patient and gently and Scooby was a very brave boy and did awesome his first time in the pool! We are looking forward to watching his progress.



*Scooby getting ready to go for his first aqua therapy session @ K9 Fit Fur Fun. For more information about K9 Fit Fur Fun please visit their website [www.k9fitfurfun.com](http://www.k9fitfurfun.com)*



## What's in your dog's food?

Are you confused about all the choices and brands of dog foods? How important is it to feed your dog nutritious food? Rescuing dogs we see the difference it makes feeding them a high quality dog food. The dogs often arrive into our rescue malnourished and underweight, low energy, their coats are dull, brittle, colorless and flaky from lack of proper

nutrition. It is amazing and rewarding the difference we see in a few months of feeding a good quality diet. Granted nothing compares to feeding a properly balanced homemade diet consisting of "real food" but we understand that not everyone has the time, finances and resources to feed a home-cooked diet. So isn't it better to make educated and

informed choices about what you are feeding your best friend? There is a website that can help you do just that. It's called [www.thedogfoodproject.com](http://www.thedogfoodproject.com). It offers unbiased information and teaches you how to read pet food labels so you can make a conscious choice and avoid the "junk food." After all your dogs worth it isn't he?

**"For information about what's in your dog food, how to read food labels and choose a better diet for your canine companion. Please visit [www.thedogfoodproject.com](http://www.thedogfoodproject.com)"**

## Cocker Love Letters

Thought you might enjoy an update on Superboy aka Chase. He has settled right in with us and is now very sociable with visitors - although Geoff is #1 favourite - which was the whole point of the adoption. He saw our vet today and she was very impressed with him - lovely personality and so

active. He is (as you know) very healthy and at 10.7kg a great weight for his age. She was impressed with his muscle development. He certainly is active. We went up to Parkland field today; the swallows were flying for a hatch of insects and Chase decided that his mission was to try and catch a swallow. He sure lived up to his name!

You did a great job of obedience training and he does know the important words.

We are delighted with him - he gives us many laughs and lots of love. We are indeed fortunate to have found him.

~Geoff and Linda



*"Chase"  
Picture taken by Geoff's sister.*

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## Angel's Under Our Wings Wish List

Natural Balance Venison & Potato dry/can  
Bully Sticks  
Dog Toys  
Revolution Flea Control (dogs up to 30lbs)  
Foster Homes  
Volunteer's  
Help with Fundraising  
Donations



*Angel's Under Our Wings is a not for profit rescue organization located in Victoria, BC. We are dedicated to rescuing Cocker Spaniels who have been abandoned and are in danger of euthanization. All of our dogs are altered, up-to-date on their vaccinations and micro-chipped. We receive no government funding and not many donations. The majority of these expenses are paid for by the founder and her husband. We need your help in order to continue our rescue efforts! Please consider making a donation today (no amount is too small). Donations can be made directly to our vet account @ Lifeline Animal Clinic (250) 595-1239 or by mail #102-3581 Shelbourne Street, Victoria, BC V8P 4G8. Please make cheques payable to Angel's Under Our Wings. 100% of all funds go directly to the care, rescue and placement of these forgotten angels. Thank you for supporting animal rescue!*

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## Arriving Soon!



*Some of the dogs we have arriving soon!*

Whew! Does it ever slow down? Sadly we have come to realize that as long as there are backyard breeders, puppy-mills and people not altering their pets the answer to that is no. We have a number of dogs arriving soon once we have available space. We are currently working on 5 dogs in Saskatchewan (Beauty, Dusty, Twinkle, Sugar and Java) that are being given up by a breeder who is moving and has decided to give up breeding. We have limited information of the dogs at this point but we are anxious to get them here as we understand they are currently

living outdoors. For the time being they are not in danger of being euthanized. Rusty will also be coming up from Los Angeles once we have room but for now he is safe in boarding. Gracie is currently in a foster home in Prince George but can be brought to Victoria for a pre-approved adopter. Ginger is available in the Toronto area if you know of anyone looking for a cocker. We are also able to bring in most of the cockers listed on our rescue partner's website [www.campcocker.com](http://www.campcocker.com) for a pre-approved adopter only. Every day we also see a

number of cockers in the shelters we would love to offer a second chance to, however, with limited resources and space we can't do it without your help. If you are able to offer a foster home or sponsor a dog by donating toward their boarding expenses as a temporary solution to get them to safety until an available space opens up, that is one more life we can save. Please contact us for more information if you are interested in becoming part of the solution to pet overpopulation! Thank you for supporting animal rescue!

Have a question about Cocker Spaniels? ask an expert email Delores @ [DeeBeck7765@aol.com](mailto:DeeBeck7765@aol.com)