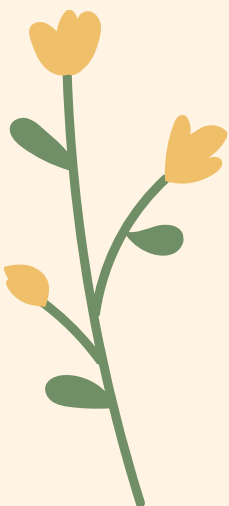




# Spring Newsletter



Cairn Terrier  
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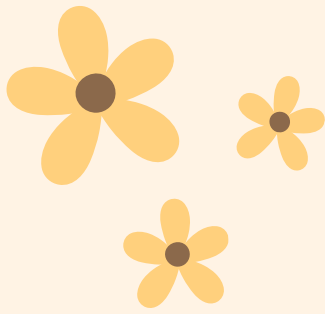
Spring has arrived and Summer is around the corner!

Those entering dog shows have their GPS routes all ready and their entries either already entered or ready to go!

Additionally the club is off to a great start with three new member readings at the last meeting; an upcoming agility event and we will be holding a Fast CAT event in October again! That is on top of the Specialty being planned and a Meet the Breed event. We now have an Education committee with a long list of great ideas for not only this year but for upcoming years of things to do so if that is an area that interests you we need a chair and co-chair! It's a great way to get involved in the club and can be done virtually! Enjoy and remember to get your brags in for the next issue.

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## It Takes a Village

Hi! The CTCD village came together this month and brought this gorgeous girl into rescue.

New members Karen and John Kormos spotted this bedraggled little pup in a Facebook posting from a shelter in Castle Rock and sent me her information. As luck would have it, we were on our way out of town when she was made available, and the shelter wouldn't hold her for an extra day or two. Shell Lewis of CRUSA (Cairn Rescue USA) was totally on board with bringing her into their rescue program.

Karen and John jumped into their car bright and early and were at the shelter at opening time. It all worked out, and they brought Contessa home to Lafayette with them. She was pretty filthy and matted, so another angel jumped in to help.

Emily Brunn at The Little Groomer in Louisville made time in her busy schedule that same day and got Tessa all spiffed up and gorgeous. Emily does the grooming and hand-stripping for several CTCD members, and we so appreciate her donation of time and skill!

Karen and John brought Tessa home, where they have a Cairn puppy, Murray, and a Yorkie, Dasher. Dasher hadn't been feeling well and had spent some time at the emergency hospital, so their time was pretty well allocated to taking care of him.

Dennis and I came home on Saturday after several long flight delays. We immediately went to Lafayette to pick Tessa up to bring her home to foster. I had asked Sandie Winslow-Barber if she would consider doing a short-term foster since she is also right there in that area, but the recent loss of their beloved Max was just too fresh for them. Sandie and Terry did make a fantastic contribution to the Rescue Fund, and we appreciate it so very much!

So, Tessa came home with us, and met our boys plus another foster pup. Everyone got along amazingly well, and we breathed a sigh of relief.

We were able to get her into the vet on Monday for her bloodwork and HW test. Normally the vet is at least 2 weeks out in scheduling! She went back to the vet 3 days later for her dental.

I started posting photos of her as soon as she came in, and CTCD member Rebecca White was quick to send one of her clients our way with an adoption inquiry. That inquiry didn't work out, but it was a great lead from Rebecca!

Tessa went to her new home on December 19, just in time for Christmas, and has settled in beautifully to her new home. Her name is now Poppy, and her mom is totally in love with her.

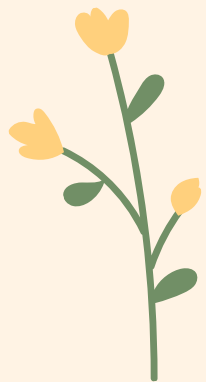
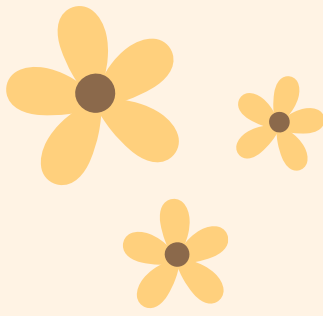
Friends, rescue truly is a labor of love for us. We don't do conformation with our dogs, we do limit performance events, but we give our heart and soul to the many rescue dogs that come through our doors. Each dog has different baggage and needs for their forever home. We're currently fostering Dog #48 and have only kept one of those fosters!

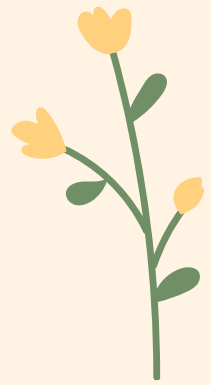
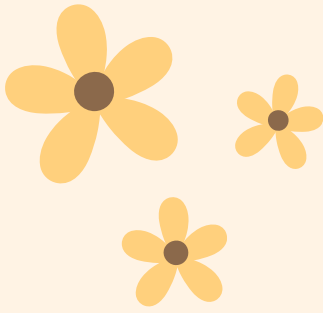
If any of you are willing and able to assist with rescue, we could sure use some more warm bodies and open homes. Even temporary B&B'ing while we search for a foster home is a great help. We always need help with transporting rescues, especially when dogs are coming up from or going to the Colorado Springs / Castle Rock or Western Slope areas.

If you'd like to be involved, please let CTCD know and maybe we can add a "foster help" column to our current club member roster.

Thank you all for your many and varied contributions to CTCD – we love being a part of this Village!

Linda and Dennis Wilson





#### Q&A Section:

How are you notified of a foster and what are some circumstances they come from? (Puppy mill; death of owner... etc)  
As the CTCD Rescue Liaison, most inquiries for rehoming a dog will come to me via email, text, or Facebook notifications.

There are many reasons for why a dog is surrendered to rescue, including puppy mill breeder release, death of an owner, divorce, marriage, new baby, new puppy, new home, moving and can't take dog, dog is too old, dog is too young, dog needs medical attention, dog has bitten someone ... we've pretty much heard them all.

I have dogs; do I need to worry about heart worm or any other issues that my dogs could get if I foster?  
Foster dogs are given a thorough vetting as quickly as possible. When one does come in that hasn't yet been vetted, we do recommend keeping the foster dog isolated from your dogs until the vetting has been completed. I use an x-pen in our family room to keep the foster dog separate from our dogs.

I have intact breeding dogs, I'm not comfortable having a foster dog in my home.

We completely understand! We'll never ask you to foster if you're not comfortable!

If it's not a good time right now for whatever reason, well, there's always another dog coming along later, and we'll ask you again then.

Do I have to foster and transport, or can I sign up for one or the other or both?

We will gladly take help in any of those areas! What I'd really love to have is a call-list of folks who might possibly be able to help with fostering, transporting, or both. Also, folks that can temporarily B&B (Bed and Biscuit) while we find a full-time foster home are greatly appreciated! We completely understand that life circumstances can make helping in any capacity difficult at an exact moment, so signing up for the call list is not a commitment by any means.

How are the expenses and food paid for if the foster needs dental or other vet needs?

All vet expenses are covered by CRUSA. We've been very fortunate that CTCD has a healthy rescue fund, and so far, has been able to cover most of the vetting costs for the dogs that we have brought in to rescue. Food and transportation costs are not generally reimbursed, unless you specifically ask for it, I just absorb it into my everyday pet expenses. Significant transportation mileage can be tax-deductible as CRUSA is a 501c3 charitable organization.



Do I need to use a particular vet?

Foster homes can use their own vet, as you generally have a long-standing relationship with your vet. Many vets will offer a 10% discount for rescue animals, so please check with your vet to see if they'll offer that as well.

Who decides on the permanent home for the foster?

We work very closely with Shell Lewis, Midwest Placement Director for CRUSA. She will write up the description of the dog once you've had a chance to evaluate it a bit, she'll ask for pictures and videos, and then she'll post it to various social media and pet adoption sites. Once the applications start coming in for your foster, you have complete input into whether or not you think it's an appropriate home for your foster.

Is there a shortage of foster homes? How many foster homes in Colorado?

There's a shortage of foster homes everywhere! Or rather, there are too many dogs that need assistance everywhere! I really don't know how many foster homes there are here in Colorado, but it seems that we're the only local Northern Colorado home that gets regular calls from both CRUSA and Col Potter. I'm very fortunate to have several friends who also like to foster, and I can always call on them if we're in a real bind. We laugh that we've got a revolving doggy door, but it does get to be a bit overwhelming sometimes. We've learned to be a bit particular about the dogs that we bring in, but I always feel terrible when we have to say no to a foster.

I can't foster, I'll get too attached.

Yup, that happens. But, out of 48 dogs, I've only kept two. First was Rufus, a 13-week-old cairn puppy that Kathy Stabler brought into rescue in 1999, and second was Harry, a 5-year-old male that just totally fit our home and our situation. My take on fostering is that I can help one dog and bring it into our home on a permanent basis – or I can help many dogs and move them onto their forever homes where they can get the attention and love they deserve.



What if my foster bites me or my dogs?

Dogs are dogs, and they will bite. Sorry, but we've all been there, we all know it. If your foster is aggressive to you, your family members, or other pets in your house, we can come get it and do some additional evaluations of it. Sometimes that means it will be euthanized – but that's a last resort and it's never an easy decision. We don't expect our foster homes to be training experts and help damaged dogs overcome all their baggage.

Mentors – you're never on your own with no resources to assist you! I've been so very fortunate with the rescue mentors I've had for the last 25 years. We have a wealth of CTCD experience, both past and present, and I've learned so much about rescue from these wonderful people, including Mary Lou Wilde, Ann Brodie, Sandy Trzos, Harry Cornelius, Kathy Stabler, Jerry Knaus, Andrea Faucette

CRUSA Shell Lewis, Midwest Placement Director is truly amazing. She handles intakes, fosters, transport, placements, vetting – you name it, she does it. She's in the Chicago area so she relies on her foster liaisons to help handle rescues in their locations.

What about other rescue groups?

Col Potter Cairn Rescue Network is another national rescue group. I do work very closely with them as well, but CTCD members did make the decision to liaise with CRUSA for our Colorado foster dogs.

National Mill Dog Rescue is based near Colorado Springs, and they frequently bring in cairn terriers and other small terrier breeds. They also look for foster homes for their dogs that don't do so well in the kennel situation.

I saw a dog listed in a shelter in California. Can we help that dog?

Unfortunately, we're not able to help many shelter dogs. For some reason, shelters don't always want to work with rescue groups unless it's a dog with behavioral or medical issues that they just don't have the staff and time to deal with. Sometimes a shelter will contact a rescue and ask for placement. When we see a shelter dog locally, we can adopt the dog, get it into a foster home, and then surrender it to CRUSA for rehoming.





## **Agility - May 27-29**

Able to enter now

We will need volunteers to help work the event;  
sign ups coming soon.

Chair - Laine Munhollon

## **Meet the Breeds**

Celtic Festival Cheyenne WY

June 10th More Info to Come

## **August Specialty**

August 2023 - Chair Robin Bovard

## **Buckhorn Kennel Club**

Fast CAT - October 13-15

We will need volunteers again please and thank  
you





# Braggs

## Lilly (CH Sunsett's Lilly of the Valley)

New champion, Best Bred By, major win at the Rocky Mountain all Terrier show in Denver. Lilly finished her championship in Denver at the Colorado Terrier Specialty #1 with a 3 point major. She has three majors to her championship win. She also got a major win as select bitch when I moved her up to BoB. I am so thrilled with her accomplishments. She will be 2 April 3rd. She is my heart dog.





# Braggs

Dubh Braw Nicky JE, FCAT2, RATO

Title Earned: FCAT2

Date: March 25, 2023

Location: Adams County Fairgrounds, Henderson, CO

Host Club: Front Range Scent Work Club

Owner: Suzanne Trzos

