



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

"Reflecting on 2010"

What a year we've had and a very busy one at that! We have taken in numerous cherry eye dogs, had a litter of 7 puppies born into our rescue when a very pregnant female unexpectedly arrived from Saskatchewan along with 4 of her pack mates. All were going to be euthanized because they were no longer wanted by their previous owner. The dogs were in horrible condition all matted, filled with parasites and covered in ticks. Some of them with other medical issues and most of them were very fearful especially of men. Then there was Priscilla & Scooby who were also fearful. Poor Scooby had a lack of muscle tone from spending much of his young life in a crate and his knees kept dislocating. Thanks to Aqua Therapy and the special care he received from his

adopters he is doing great! Tia & Tessa who were covered in so many fleas that they were running across my hands, up their noses and into their mouths as I bathed them. It took a couple of baths plus Revolution to rid them of the fleas. As a result the girls needed numerous dewormings and they had some of the worst teeth I have ever seen. Little Tia had to have 7 teeth pulled and poor Tess with cherry eyes so big she could hardly see. Travis who had cataract surgery thanks to our rescue partner Camp Cocker only to develop Glaucoma a few months later resulting in both his eyes having to be removed. Lucky for Travis he has a very special adopter who loves him nonetheless! Max whose owner abandoned him at daycare & Benji who lost his

home when his elderly owner had to move into assisted living. Rusty the sensitive boy who was found as a stray. Terrified he would be abandoned again, he would get incredibly car sick if travelling in a car. And who can forget poor little Gracie who was left behind when her owners foreclosed on their home leaving her to fend for herself. It was nearly two weeks before she was found.



These are just some of the dogs we rescued this year, many of them have now been adopted to amazing families!

Harley & Sebastian are home for the Holidays!

You may remember Harley and Sebastian from our last newsletter. They were the two siblings who came from an awful hoarding situation. We are so happy to share the news that they have found a wonderful home...TOGETHER! It was a long journey for the boys to find their perfect home, they were with our rescue group for

over a year but find the perfect home they did! We couldn't have found two more kinder, loving people than Bev & Peter. A big heartfelt thank you to them both for giving us the best Christmas gift ever! We miss those two little guys and all their antics but we couldn't be happier for them!

Welcome to your forever home boys...it was so worth the wait!





Sponsors Needed!

At times we feel overwhelmed like we are fighting a losing battle but we look into the innocent sweet faces of the dogs we have managed to save and remember the kisses of gratitude they shower on us daily. We then remind ourselves that there are others just like them waiting...hoping for a second chance and know we have to keep going, but we really need your help. We finally have to face reality and know that we can't do this

alone...but together we can make a difference! Our biggest obstacles are always funding and foster homes. The care of each dog is varied and we never know what to expect when we pull a dog from the shelter. Quite often we take in medical needs dogs especially ones with cherry eye as we know they don't have much of a chance with so many dogs to choose from. These are highly adoptable dogs and this can easily although not

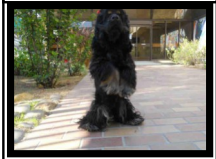
inexpensively be fixed which is why they get overlooked. Please consider giving generously. It is because of the generous hearts of people like you that will enable us to continue our rescue efforts. Every penny you donate goes directly towards helping the cockers in need. Thank you for supporting animal rescue!

Please help spread the word so that we can make 2011 another successful year!!

Dogs currently in our care in need of foster homes!



Bristol
3 yr old
Female



Brooke
2 yr old
Female



Allie
5 yr old
Female

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 and that is as heartbreaking as it sounds! We have several wonderful dogs needing foster care at the moment and sadly there is no shortage of dogs in the shelters needing rescue. 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!

Secret Santa Paws

Once again, we have a few generous donors who will match every dollar donated for the cockers this holiday season up to \$1,000. So If you've been thinking about giving even a small donation...now is the time because whatever you give will have double the impact! That means more

Cockers saved!. Please ~Please help us make this possible! It'll only take a minute to call our vet Lifeline Animal Clinic @ 250-595-1239 to make a donation by credit card but be sure to mention it is for Angels Under Our Wings. If you would prefer to mail a donation it can be sent to PO Box

24059, 4420 West Saanich Road, Victoria, BC V8Z 7E7. Donations are also accepted through our website via Paypal.

Thank you and wishing you all a very wonderful Holiday Season!



Cockers and Kids!

It is a misconception that Cockers are great with very young children which is why we don't adopt out to households who have children under the age of 7 yrs old. We quite often have no history on the dogs and therefore must put the safety of the children first. Cockers DO make great family dogs but DO NOT tolerate the sometimes unintentional overzealous lovingness of toddlers. Who in their exuberance may pet a dog a little too roughly,

lie or sit on them in an effort to be close and show affection or hug them too tightly. Even though a child doesn't mean to hurt them when they play too roughly, accidents happen and a dog may respond in kind. Most dogs see children as littermates and treat them as such. Jumping on and mouthing them as they would one of their siblings. Dogs are easily stimulated by a child's exuberance. A running, shrieking child is an invitation to chase

and play rough. In addition, children love to hug dogs. Unfortunately in doggie language this is a sign of dominance and if the dog resents such a gesture they may become aggressive. It is up to the adults in the household to teach kids boundaries with regards to pets & to help children see them as cherished family members to ensure a safe and respectful bond develops between the two. Pets and Children should be supervised at all times.



Dogs and Children need constant supervision and guidance to live together happily every after!

What is "Cherry Eye"?

Cherry eye is a prolapsed gland of the third eyelid also referred to as an Everted Third Eyelid. Certain breeds are predisposed to this condition such as Cockers, Bulldogs, Shih tzu's, Beagles and Boston Terriers. While the exact cause is unknown, it is generally believed it is the result of a weakness of the connective tissue that attaches the gland of the third

eyelid to the surrounding structures of the eye. Because of this weakness the gland comes out of its normal position and is exposed to the air and airborne irritants that can cause it to be infected. As a result, the gland becomes irritated, swollen and red. Surgery is required to fix cherry eye and the preferred treatment is to reposition the gland rather

than remove it. This procedure is often referred to as the "tuck method". Removing the gland is surgically a cheaper option but may result in dry eye because the gland is responsible for producing around 35% of the watery part of tears. All of the cockers in our care have the "tuck" method unless there is no alternative but to have the gland cut out.



"For information about cherry eye and treatment options. Please visit www.maristavet.com and www.thepetcenter.com

Cocker Love Letters

What can I say about the gift the boys have been? Such a joy and we just love them. I cannot imagine life without them already.

They are such good boys and once they are more settled we will step up their training but for now what you have taught them is great. They play well in

the back yard and love to chase their balls. Not too sure about some of the bird noises, particularly the blue jays, but they are slowly getting used to them.

They are both sleeping in their crates in our bedroom and don't make a peep until we get up in the morning. Bev lets

them out of their crates and I couldn't get another wink of sleep if I tried. They are all over me and the bed, jumping, licking and running around. They don't stop till I get out of bed. LOL .

They have totally captured our hearts.

~ Peter & Bev

*"Harley (left) & Sebastian (right)
Picture taken by Peter & Bev*



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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
Dog Beds



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 PO Box 24059, 4420 West Saanich Road, Victoria, BC V8Z 7E7. 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!



Saying Goodbye to an Angel Named Daisy

*Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains un-awakened.
~Anatole France*

We often get calls from people looking to adopt to fill the void from the loss of their beloved canine companions. The pain and heartache is evident in their voices as they speak lovingly of the family member they just lost. Sadly, we had our own experience with the loss of our first beloved canine family member this year. Daisy was a very special girl and one of our first rescues. It was love at first sight for me and I knew she wasn't going anywhere as she was already home. We lost her on August 1st, 2010 to complications from Immune Mediated Thrombocytopenia. A disease where the immune system attacks the body's own blood platelets. We tried everything to save her but it was not to be. Daisy was only 3yrs old and went from what appeared

to be a healthy dog to falling very ill in a matter of days. It was sudden and unexpected and needless to say devastating. At times the grief felt unbearable and in an effort to cope we turned to books on pet loss, built her a memorial garden where her memory will be forever cherished and wrote a tribute to her on our website. Daisy taught me many things like how to work with dog aggressive dogs but more importantly patience and loving someone unconditionally just the way they are. To not worry so much about what other people think but to be true to myself. She also taught me material things don't matter...things can be replaced but nothing can ever replace her. I would give anything to have her back. At times I still feel lost without her and the rush



of emotions are overwhelming. I hope that by sharing this if someone reading this has recently lost a beloved pet they find a little comfort knowing they are not alone in their feelings of grief. I also want to share some things that I found helpful during my grieving process; A couple of books; Saying Goodbye to Your Angel Animals by Allen & Linda Anderson, Blessing the Bridge by Rita M. Reynolds, building a memorial garden, planting a tree in her honour, journaling and contacting an animal communicator such as Nancy Windheart ~

www.CommunicateWithYourAnimals.com. Here is a good website with suggestions on how to work through your grief www.animalsinourhearts.com.

Until we meet again...Sweet Daiser!



**WANT TO BE A HERO TO A COCKER IN NEED?
PLEASE DONATE TODAY!**

I would like to support Angel's Under Our Wings and help them continue their rescue efforts;

I wish to make: "One Time" donation: _____
_____ \$15 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 Other _____

*This can either be made by sending in a cheque to the address below or directly to our vet's office by calling (250) 595-1239.

"Monthly" donation: _____

** I would like the monthly deducted on: 1st of Month _____ 15th Month _____

** For monthly automatic withdrawal from your account please mail in a voided Cheque.

I wish to charge this to my: _____ Visa _____ MC _____ Amex

Card No.: _____ Exp _____

Signature: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____

Please print and mail form to;

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You can donate and help Angel's Under Our Wings dogs through Pay Pal

Check out the "Donate" section of our website!

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