

Rescue Rambling

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Every rescue reaches a point when they can't take another dog. There is just no more room. CockerPals was at that point in January of this year. Then the phone rings and you get a call that you just can't say no to. That call came one very cold afternoon in January.

The woman on the phone said her husband called to tell her to meet him. He had been out snowmobiling in the middle of nowhere and came upon a dog half frozen. He picked the dog up wrapped him a blanket and drove with the dog in one arm and steering the snowmobile with the other.

They met up and rushed the dog to the ER Vet. The dog was a buff senior cocker boy. He was in pretty bad shape and probably wouldn't have made it through another night out in the bitter cold. The caller went on to say that they agreed to be responsible for the ER bill so he could get treated. The vet found him to have frostbite; he was anemic and emaciated had the beginnings of renal disease as well as numerous growths all over his body. Was there any way I could take him when he was ready to leave the vets?

For me this was the phone call that I couldn't say no to. This little guy had an angel looking out for him who put the snowmobiler in that place on that day. What a lucky little guy.

On the following Tuesday I drove to the ER vet and met Janice, the voice on the other end of the phone. What a wonderful lady! And then out came one of the most pathetic looking cockers I had ever seen. He was thin to the point of emaciation. Janice said he looked a whole lot better than he did when she first saw him. I asked her what her husband's name was. She said it was Rick. So I named the little guy Ricky in honor of his savior.

Since being here Ricky has fit right in, enjoys every meal and has picked out his favorite bed. He is slowly getting stronger. He was looked over by my vet and has had a complete dental along with some extraction, and had some of the larger growths removed. Ricky is a gentle, loving soul who has enriched The Herd.

