

Rescue Rambling

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I'm thrilled to feature one of our rescue affiliates in the Bulletin! Our first story originates in Cloverdale, British Columbia, Canada.

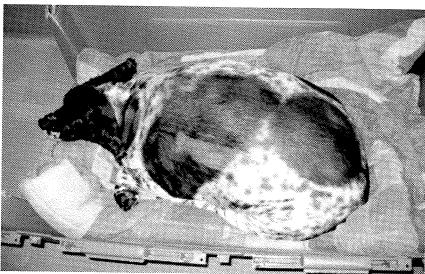
Founded in the Spring of 2000, Cocker Spaniel Rescue of BC became a registered Canadian Charity in November 2003. Led by Carol Jackson, they are dedicated to helping unwanted or abandoned cocker spaniels and placing them in loving homes. CSRBC works with local shelters and private individuals, handling an average of 20-30 Cocker Spaniels per year. A dog available for adoption through CSRBC is typically healthy and of good temperament, unless otherwise stated. Their ages range from 6 months to 10 yrs or more. CSRBC does not refuse a dog based on age alone. To learn more about their work, the CSRBC website is <http://www.csrbc.org/>

The mission of CSRBC Cocker Spaniel Rescue is to improve the lives of Cocker Spaniels and their human companions through caring, support and education.

I chose Oliver's story as obesity is a problem we all battle in ourselves and our cockers. It's just too easy to have that extra snack before bedtime!

It doesn't take much to help rescue Temperament evaluation, grooming, transporting to/from the vet, assisting at adoption events (holding dogs), fundraising, reviewing applications, screening callers, etc. If you can give even 1 HOUR each week, you can make a difference.

Enjoy Oliver's story and if you know of a possible home, please contact Carol.



SAY HELLO TO OLIVER!

Aug. 13, 2009. *Move over Richard Simmons!* Do we have a project on our hands or what? Oliver was taken in by the Burnaby SPCA, but is now with us. Weighing 67 pounds, Oliver is morbidly obese and will need a special diet and gentle exercise regimen over the next few months to lose 30-35 pounds .

August 16th, 2009. Today will be his first swim! Here we are, first dip in the pool. He managed to stay afloat and did very well. He is settling in nicely

in his foster home. He is actually more active than we supposed he would be. He is a very happy boy. Oliver loves his swims. This weight loss is a slow process, as it should be.

August 23, 2009. Oliver has lost 0.8 lbs in one week with CSRBC, a total of 5.3 lbs since he was picked up by the SPCA. He is moving around all the time in the foster home and **now, his tail wags.** Today was his 2nd pool session. At their suggestion, we are doing measurements on him. I measured his chest and it is 33". I measured my boy Max and he is 19.5". Oliver loves his swims. This weight loss is a slow process, as it should be.

September 3, 2009. Oliver has much more energy, whether it is from being on thyroid meds and/or regular swims we don't know, but we like it! He did a total of 15 laps! Two, then three, back to back, with no rest. He is now SOLO when he swims. He really seems to enjoy himself. He was weighed on September 3rd and is actually getting a "waist!" So he has lost 9 pounds.



September 25, 2009. Oliver weighs 11.9 pounds lighter at 53 pounds. He actually has a tail now and we can see it wagging.. He can RUN now...unbelievable. He can lift his leg to pee instead of squatting. He loves his swims and has several more appointments up to November. We would love to see him adopted soon. He is a lovely little guy.

January 08, 2010

Oliver was groomed today and we were at the vet with another dog so we brought him in to be weighed. weighed. Oliver now weighs **36.5 POUNDS and has reached his goal !!** From 67 pounds in July 09 to 36.5 pounds Jan 2010! Too bad we all can't have Oliver's success!!

Oliver is now available for adoption.