

# English Cocker Rescue News

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Season's Greetings!

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## Changes at the Helm

As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank Dr. Marsha Wallace, ECSCA Rescue Chair, who stepped down as Chair this fall.

Marsha's 22-year tenure as Rescue Chair has been defined by dedication, energy and passion for our breed. Her work



past and present continue to be inspiring, and we hope everyone will take the time to thank her for her service to Rescue.

## Meet one of our Foster Moms

In each issue, we will feature one of the wonderful foster homes that make ECSCA Rescue possible.

### Connie Hinton - Texas

Connie Hinton has been an amazing foster parent for ECSCA rescue. Just in the past year, she and her husband Pete, have opened their home and fostered two rescue dogs, both orange roans and both with serious medical issues. Harper was a stray from South Texas whom Connie took in and nursed back to health from a heartworm diagnosis.



After five months at Casa de Hinton, Connie was instrumental in finding the perfect home for Harper and she is thriving with her new family. More recently, Connie took on another heartworm-positive foster dog, this time a boy named Eddie, who was found wandering a

neighborhood, going door-to-door begging for food. Eddie is doing well and on his way to recovery; he even has an adoption pending. Many thanks to Connie and Pete for providing a loving and caring home for these dogs and making them a real part of your family. You provided a wonderful transition for these foster babies, on their way to their fur-ever homes. They are lucky to have you, and ECSCA Rescue is forever grateful for your generosity.

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## Dear Santa Claus

As many of you know, economic conditions across the country have impacted the ECSCA, and the Rescue coffers are about scraped dry. We need your help more than ever.

**Donations** to rescue are one way to help – and hopefully in the New Year, those might be tax deductible! You can make a donation online via Paypal at <http://www.ecsca.org/rescuehome.html>



Another VERY important way to help rescue is by serving as a foster home, or locating good potential foster homes among your friends and/or family. **Foster homes** do not have to be members of the ECSCA or even “English Cocker” people. They do need to be *dog* people, and able to provide a loving, safe, calm home environment for an English Cocker in need. For more information, please contact Karen Kirby at [fencerow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fencerow@sbcglobal.net).

## Help Wanted

ECSCA Rescue is remodeling! Many times in volunteer work, few people do much and many people do little. In an attempt to keep our Rescue efforts going, it is important for us to spread the workload around. There is a real need for two volunteer positions on our Rescue Board and we hope that someone will jump at the chance to help.

**Fund Raising Coordinator** - Rescue needs to have ongoing fund raisers and regular income so that we can continue to save lives. This person will need to have creative ideas to generate events as well as plan and implement those events.

**Foster Home Recruiter** - (position is NOT a Foster Coordinator) The foster recruiter will work directly with the Foster Coordinators to find foster homes for the dogs we take in.

Please consider filling one of these much needed positions!! Contact: Karen Kirby, ECSCA Interim Rescue Chair at [fencerow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fencerow@sbcglobal.net)

## School Supplies for Rescue

ECSCA Member Kay Irwin and her fourth/fifth grade classroom in Knoxville, Tennessee, are raising money for rescue. The students at First Lutheran School sell school supplies every morning to the other students in grades K to 8th grade. From their proceeds, the students are donating 40% to help fund the medical bills of our latest rescue dog, Westley (*see page 3*). At the time we went to press, Kay's students had earned \$33. Kudos to Kay and her students and thank you so much!



*Kay Irwin and students with classroom dog Lily*

Several EC fanciers have responded to the First Lutheran students and their efforts by pledging to match whatever they raise. Our sincere thanks to the following:

*Susan Carson, Kathy Hughes, Pam Hays, Lynette Boyd, Linda Robinson, Lenore Feldman, Jean Brett, Teresa Drais and Dave & Terry Kaubisch.*

## Available for Adoption

**Wiggles** (NY) is a neutered, black ECS looking for his forever home. This nine-year old gentleman has a winning personality, and his entire body "wiggles" when he wags his tail – which is most of the time! Though partially deaf, Wiggles responds well to hand signals and vibrations. He gets along with other dogs, cats and children. *For more information, contact his foster mom Jill Holt at [jillbholt@gmail.com](mailto:jillbholt@gmail.com).*



## Archie

**Archie** (PA), an eight year old neutered red ECS, is a sweet boy in need of a special forever home. While a very loving dog to his foster mom, Archie is initially very scared of men he does not know, however, his fearfulness diminishes once he becomes more familiar with a man. He is crate and house-trained, and gets along well with the other dog in his foster home. He is a good companion and deserves a stable forever home. *For more information about Archie, please contact his foster mom Karen Florentine at [kflore@ptd.net](mailto:kflore@ptd.net)*



## More Available Rescue Dogs

### Buddy

**Buddy (NC)** was hours away from euthanasia when he was rescued from the shelter. Covered in filth and riddled with medical issues, he has rebounded beautifully under the care of his loving foster home. Buddy is estimated to be about seven years old, and is sweet, kind, lovable soul. He has rebounded from his heartworm treatment and other ailments and just loves people and other dogs. He can be skittish at times and will do best in a calm and loving home. He still struggles with some lingering medical issues but these are all easily manageable. *For more information, please contact his foster mom, Mary Leigh Howell, at ml@maryleighowell.com*



### Barkley

**Barkley (MI)** My name is Barkley and I am an adorable, nine year-old neutered male. I'm outgoing and friendly and love playing with my toys and cuddling up on your lap! I do have a challenge with riding in a vehicle. Once we start moving, I get upset and bark and thrash and work myself into frenzy. I am being helped with medication and behavior modification; however, I will need a home who can continue to work with me and where I won't have to travel too much. Other than this little quirk of mine, I am the best dog ever! *For more information, please contact my Foster Coordinator, Marla Furio at mfurio@cox.net*



### Tina



**Tina (NY)** is a lovely, seven year old red English Cocker Spaniel who needs a calm and loving forever home. This Polish-bred girl is very energetic and sweet. Her energy levels, however, result in a strong prey-drive and make her something of an escape artist. Squirrels and cats are not safe around her, and she needs a home with no children. Tina would do best with only one to two other older dogs – especially sedate dogs that would not excite her further. Tina is up-to-date on all of her shots, spayed, crate and house-trained. *For more information about Tina, please contact her foster mom Patti at woodlea@frontiernet.net*

### Westley

**Westley (AZ)** is an adorable, one-year old pup who was found wandering the streets all by himself. At only 15 lbs, he arrived at the shelter very sick and with no appetite. Through the help of some wonderful Rescue angels, Westley found his way to a great foster home in Phoenix where he has thrived and is healthy now and gaining weight! Westley is a very sweet boy who is a bit shy but warms up quickly. He loves people and other dogs and enjoying being the center of attention. He equally loves to sit in your lap as well as run around with his fur kind! He would do best in a loving, calm household with children over the age of 10. Westley will need a few more weeks before he is ready for adoption. *Please contact Marla Furio (mfurio@cox.net), ECSCA Foster Coordinator, for more information about Westley.*



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## More Available Rescue Dogs

### Sunny

**Sunny (OR)** is a six-year old neutered ECS. He is a world traveler, growing up in the Dominican Republic, moving to Spain and eventually ending up in the



US! He was an owner-turn-in as he was not comfortable around the new baby in the house. He is a friendly boy who loves people and being the center of attention.

Sunny would be a lovely companion in a single dog home with children over the age of twelve. He does get grumpy with some dogs but overall, is a very sweet boy. He loves nothing more than snuggling up to his favorite person. He recently moved to a foster home in Oregon and is settling into his new surroundings. *For more information, please contact Marla Furio, ECSCA foster coordinator, at [mfurio@cox.net](mailto:mfurio@cox.net)*

### Adoption Pending



Eddie is a colorful young boy who was found wondering the neighborhood, going up to front doors looking for food. Lucky for him, someone turned him into rescue and his foster mom has nursed him back to health after being

diagnosed with Heartworm. Estimated to be about 2 years old, Eddie is in a Texas foster home and warms the heart of everyone he meets! He loves people and other dogs. Adoption is pending on Eddie and if all goes well, he'll be moving to his new home soon.

## Coming to an Inbox Near You

We hope you have enjoyed the introductory issues of *English Cocker Rescue News*! At least quarterly, we will update our EC Fanciers on all the excitement going on with ECSCA rescue; available dogs, rescue stories, rescue angels, fundraising efforts, etc. We would also welcome your feedback on how we can continue to make the newsletter entertaining, informative and above all, a platform in which to serve our wonderful rescue dogs. As always, more information about individual rescue dogs is available on the club website, <http://www.ecsca.org/currentrescuedogs.html> and from the foster homes and foster coordinators. For suggestions, tips or comments on the newsletter, please contact Janie-Rice Brother at [jrbrother@gmail.com](mailto:jrbrother@gmail.com)

## Rescue: It Takes a Village

Although rescue is all about the dogs – it wouldn't be possible without the people. From our dedicated foster homes, to individuals who help transport or screen potential homes, ECSCA Rescue works because of the two-legged creatures behind the scenes, dedicating their time and effort to help this wonderful breed. There are many more people who lend their time and talent to Rescue; we apologize in advance if we've left any one off of the list below. For the time being – while we reorganize – these are the folks to contact about rescue.

**Karen Kirby**, ECSCA Rescue Interim Chair, [fencerow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fencerow@sbcglobal.net)

**Anita Berkey**, ECSCA Rescue Adoption Coordinator, [blarneyecs@dishmail.net](mailto:blarneyecs@dishmail.net)

**Marla Furio**, ECSCA Rescue Foster Coordinator, [mfurio@cox.net](mailto:mfurio@cox.net)

**Janie-Rice Brother**, ECSCA Rescue Foster Coordinator, [jrbrother@gmail.com](mailto:jrbrother@gmail.com)

**Kathy Hughes**, ECSCA Rescue Transport Coordinator, [Kathhughes@verizon.net](mailto:Kathhughes@verizon.net)

**Fund Raising Coordinator** – Volunteer needed

**Foster Home Recruiter** – Volunteer needed