

RESCUED PETS AND THEIR AMAZING OWNERS

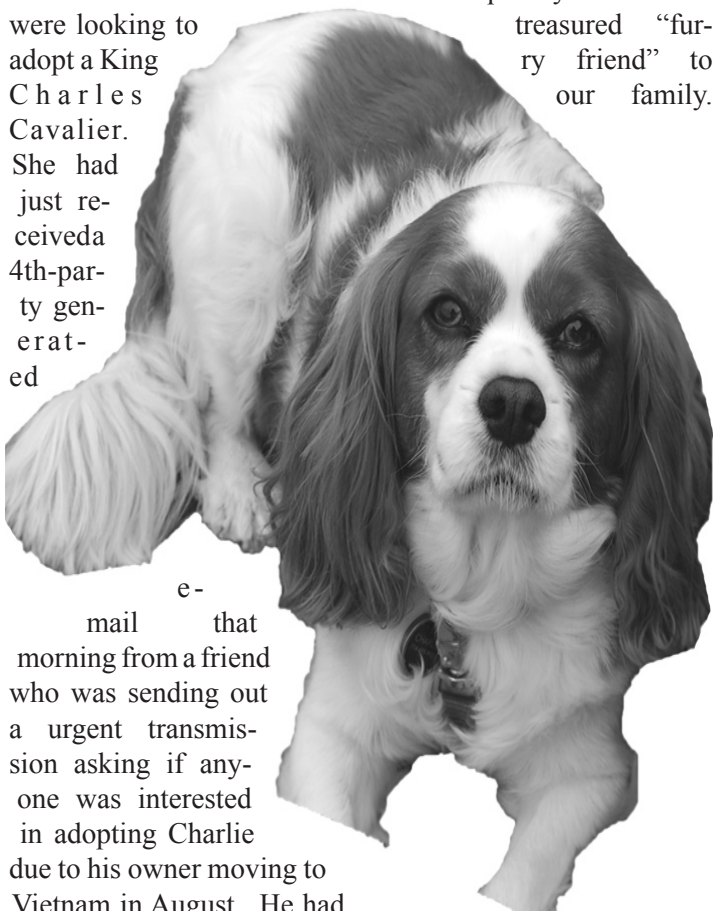
CHARLIE THE EMAIL MIRACLE

THE STORY OF SUE MONTANTE'S CAVALIER SPANIEL

On July 4th, 2010, my family adopted Charlie, a 6 year old King Charles Cavalier Spaniel. His adoption story is truly a miracle. By chance I was having lunch with a friend in June and mentioned that we were looking to adopt a King Charles Cavalier. She had just received a 4th-party generated

e-mail that morning from a friend who was sending out a urgent transmission asking if anyone was interested in adopting Charlie due to his owner moving to Vietnam in August. He had

already been listed on the Southern & Northern California King Charles Cavalier shelter registry for three months without any adoption interest. My friend assisted me in reaching Charlie's owner and the rest is history. He is truly a blessing and has quickly become a treasured "furry friend" to our family.



HELTER SHELTER

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Around five to seven million animals are sent to shelters across the nation each year. Out of these, approximately 50% of all dogs and 70% of all cats in shelters are put down because they are unable to be adopted. As shelters receive more and more of these unwanted animals, they go over their capacity, and to make room for new animals, they are forced to put down the ones who have been there for too long. The problem is further exacerbated by overpopulation due to owners failing to spay or neuter their pets - which then results in the birth of thousands of animals that the owners neither want nor are able to care for, and more often than not end up in shelters. This is not to say that shelters are cruel - in fact, they are often the last chance that unwanted animals may have. It is impossible to take accurate statistics of the amounts of animals that end up homeless each year, and shelters can only accommodate so many of them. However, there is something

that one can do to help alleviate the situation - considering adoption of a new pet over purchase from a pet store. Many of the animals who have been relegated to shelters have been displaced several times and are in desperate need of a loving new home before it's too late, whereas the dogs in pet stores are more likely to be taken home because of the way they are presented to customers and the belief that they will be cleaner and "safer" to bring home. Most shelters will actually give the animals they receive the proper vaccination, so that they will be suitable for adoption. By choosing to adopt, one can save an animal from an unnecessary death. Aside from cats and dogs, many other animals can be found that are up for adoption, including reptiles and small mammals such as rabbits. Pets available for adoption can be found from not only the shelters themselves, but there are also many hotlines and websites that can assist prospective adopters with their services, and pets can also be found in newspaper bulletins. Adoption could possibly help to reduce the amount of animals that fall victim to grim euthanasia.

SHELTERS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHERE YOU CAN ADOPT

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Check out these websites for more information on shelters near you.

These are just a few organizations near you that can help you pick your perfect foster pet.

Orange County Human Society
21632 Newland St. Huntington Beach, CA 92646
714-536-8480

Animal Care Center
6443 Oak Canyon Road
Irvine, CA 92618
(949) 724-7740

<http://www.adoptapet.com/>

<http://www.petfinder.com/>

OC Animal Care
(714) 935-6943
561 The City Drive
Orange, CA 92868

sPCA Marketplace
7700 East Spring Street
Long Beach, CA 90815
(562) 570-7722

<http://www.ocpetinfo.com/>

<http://dogsoc.com/>

<http://laanimalservices.com/>

Laguna Beach Animal Shelter
(949) 497-3552
20612 Laguna Canyon Rd

Grand Avenue Pet Care Center
1602 N. Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92701-2629
(714) 558-7622

<http://animalshelter.org/>

<http://kittenrescue.org/>

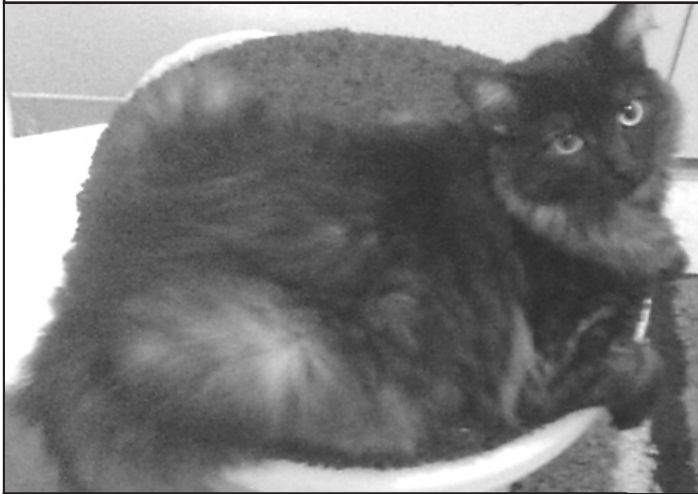
<http://smalldogrescue.org/>



"Phoebe is a Tabby who I adopted in April of '07 from 1-800-Adopt-A-Pet. I went on the website and they let me see several cats. One jumped into my lap - which was Phoebe. Phoebe was left at a pet store by her previous owner, where the lady working there kept her for 10 months until I found her" -Ms. Rachel Schiff



Fuji is a Coton de Tulear who was adopted around six years ago in January 2004. He was born in Hungary, where he was sold to a pet store in Kansas because his body proportions were a little different from the norm and didn't suit the criteria for the show dog career his owners had been breeding dogs for. Because of stress and illness, he became sick and the pet store was unable to sell him, so he ended up in a shelter in West Covina, where we found him. -Shannon Hsu.



"My cats name is Yoda. We adopted him from the animal shelter in Orange, across the street from the block. We saw him the day after he was found by the shelter. They believed he ran away because he was abused by his previous owners. We took him in and everyday has been full of happiness." - Aadila Paruk.

"As you can see he's sitting in one of his favorite spots in the house, on the toilet. I adopted him from PetSmart in the beginning of this year. At first the adjustment was hard because he missed his mom and sister but now he's okay. He loves food, as you can see he's partially overweight. He doesn't like when you touch his puffy belly. He enjoys eating, sleeping and opening doors in the house to show his man powers. Add him on facebook Alex "Puffdaddy" Meowmix, but you can call him Puffy.." - Samantha Green.



"Boo is a Chihuahua who was adopted around five weeks ago from the Orange County Animal Shelter. Before entry into the shelter, it's highly likely that Boo was abused by his previous owner. He was adopted on Halloween and was a pound and a half and she brought him blankets everyday until the shelter gave him to her. " -Karen Eder



"Willow is a Chihuahua mix who I adopted from the Irvine Animal Shelter in June 2010. All the other dogs there barked to greet me, while she merely sat down and licked my hand. She was a 3rd chance animal, meaning she was about to be put down by the Orange County Pound before the Irvine Animal Shelter took her in. She has a "boyfriend" named Bigz who she goes on walks with every day. She won't go out without dog clothing and she likes to run with Bigz at the tennis courts." -Rachel Schiff