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OF RESCUE + REHABILITATION

Annual Report 2021



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CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

Dear Friends-

As I reflect on the last three years as Board Chairman, I am proud of the accomplishments of Boykin Spaniel Rescue.

In 2021 we celebrated our 20th Anniversary. We are incredibly grateful to you, our BSR community, who choose BSR as their good cause and have made 20 years of rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming possible for so many of the most vulnerable Boykin Spaniels.

As we move forward, we have set up the Boykin Spaniel Rescue, Inc., Endowment Fund. This fund has been set up to ensure that we will have the resources necessary to meet the needs of the breed and that each dog receives the love and care it needs. Although my term as Chairperson will conclude at the end of 2021, I will remain as the Chair of the Endowment Committee in addition to the BSR Board of Directors and look forward to working with the rest of the Board on this very important task.

I look forward to Susan Kahler taking the helm and bringing her many talents and love for Boykin Spaniels as BSR continues to grow.

Richard

RICHARD VITOLO

Boykin Spaniel Rescue, Inc. Chairman

JILL FREEMAN PRESIDENT



Dear Friends-

Boykin Spaniel Rescue, Inc., had another incredible year. Another year of being flexible and agile in changing times while caring for so many Boykin Spaniels. When I sit down to write this letter each year, I am continually in awe of our team and volunteers and all we have accomplished together.

While dogs are, and will always be, our number one priority, 2021 was the year we put additional focus on our future. As Richard mentioned, we are heading into our 21st year and the need for rescue has never been greater. It is important that we build our infrastructure so that we can meet the demand and provide the best care for each dog entrusted to us.

Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Over 120 dogs were cared for~ many with very significant medical issues.
- Established a Governance Committee
- Formal Succession Plan in place
- Addition of five (5) new grantors/foundations
- A record 667 Volunteers throughout the United States

Transparency is critical in all we do. I encourage you to read through this Annual Report. Visit our profile on Guidestar. And, if you have questions or suggestions, reach out to me or anyone on the team.

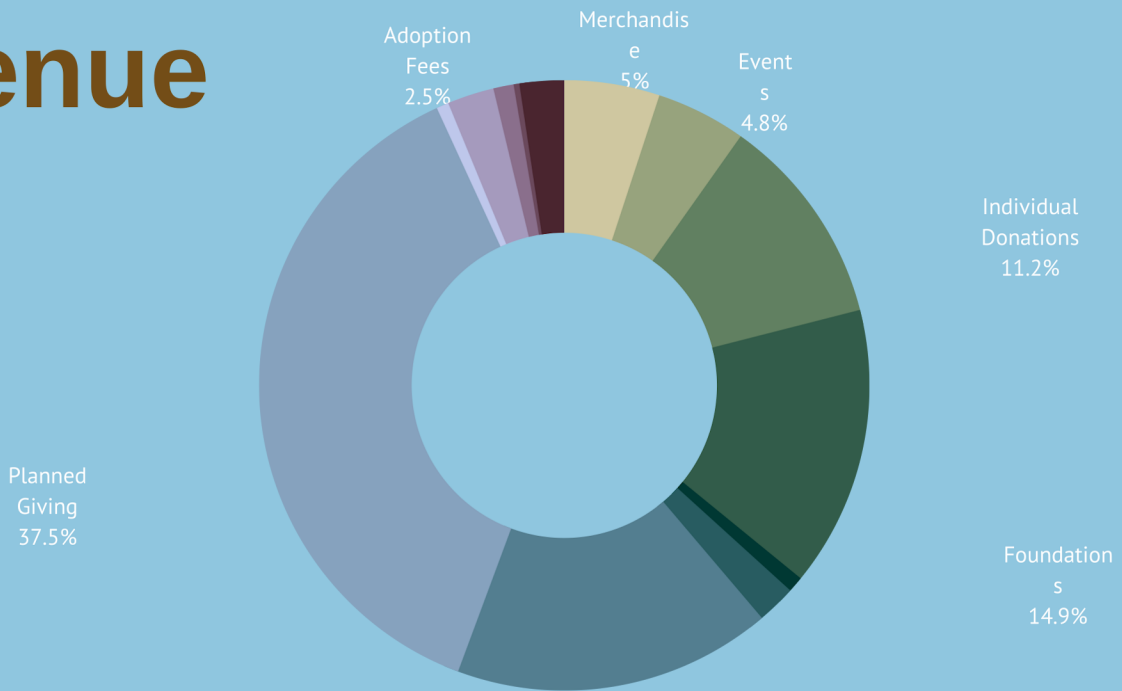
Thank you for your belief in us. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

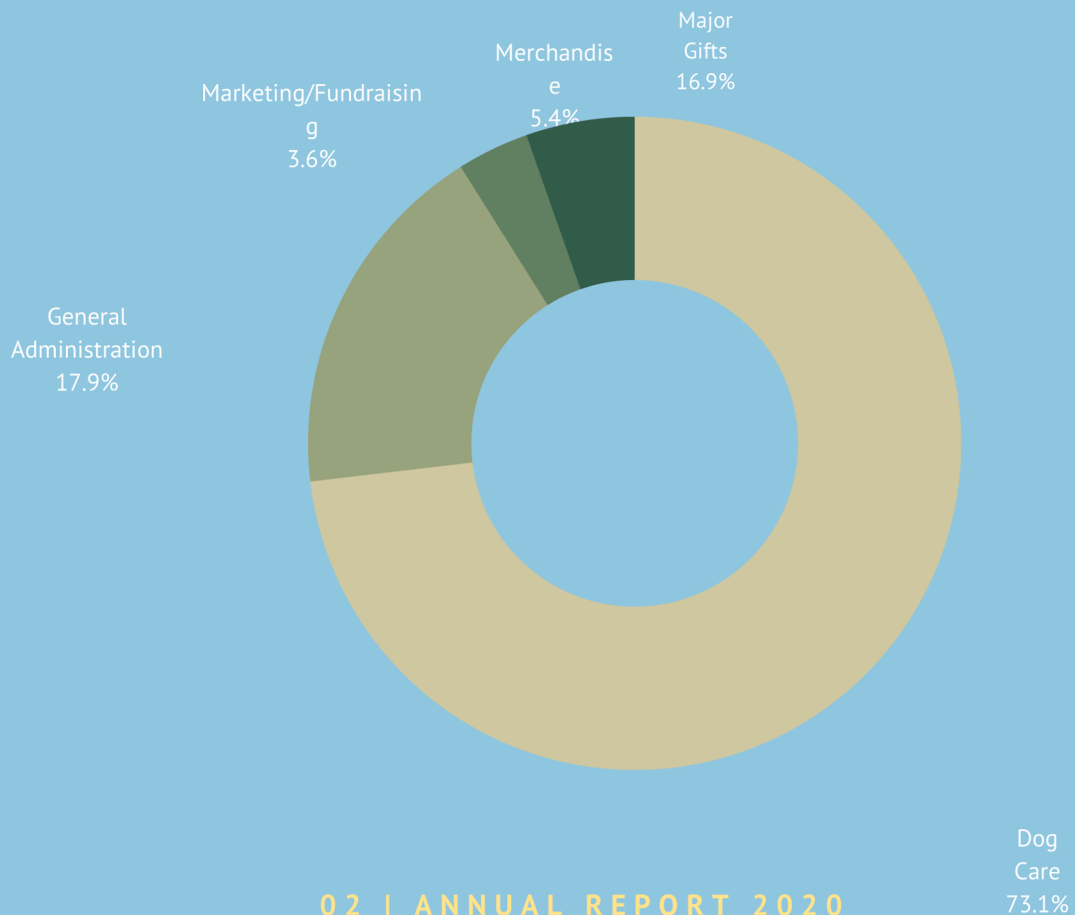
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue



Expenses



2021 Income Statement

Revenue

Merchandise	\$34,987.06
Events	\$33,056.16
Individual Donations	\$77,802.31
Grants & Foundations	\$103,180.00
Wills & Bequests	\$5,791.50
Corporate Donations	\$14,304.20
Major Gifts	\$117,036.13
Planned Giving	\$260,059.87
Board Contributions	\$4,475.99
Adoption Fees	\$17,175.00
Adoption Application Fees	\$2,100.70
Third Party	\$16,327.35
In Kind Donations	\$34.98
Misc.	
Total Revenue	\$693,782.00

Expenses

Dog. Care	\$332,087.22
General Administration	\$81,420.99
Marketing & Fundraising	\$16,171.11
Merchandise	\$24,407.86
Total Expenses	\$454,087.18

2021 Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2021

Assets

Bank Accounts	\$599,385.03
Other Assets	\$99,500.00

Total Assets	\$698,885.03
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Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities	\$7,701.40
Equity	\$691,183.63

Total Liabilities & Equity	\$698,885.03
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JEANNINE CULBERTSON, DIRECTOR OF DOG CARE

In 2021, 83 dogs entered our care. Each has its own back story, but all share a common thread: through their entire journey with us, they got what they needed, when they needed it, and were treated with love, compassion and commitment. Whether a long, complicated case that would take many months of specialized care to successfully resolve, or short journeys with older dogs in their golden years needing a soft landing before crossing the rainbow bridge, BSR does not give up or skimp on its dogs!

Since their stories and needs vary incredibly, I thought I would take this time to share with you a bit about how we approach each case.

- Each dog receives an intake exam within the first week or two of care, and EVERY intake receives Heartworm testing, checks for intestinal parasites and an overall wellness exam. Prior vet records (if available) help us determine on an individual basis which vaccinations, lab work and specific health concerns need addressing.
- The foster works with team members to develop a Care Plan. This is the road map that the team uses to get the dog to a stable place where it is adoptable or to settle on the primary objectives for PFC's care.
- Monthly reports help to ensure that no dog fails to get what it needs or drops between the cracks, and we constantly evaluate needs against a projected adoptable date or their shifting needs as permanent fosters.
- From its time in foster care (on average 2.5 months), the fosters will have discovered what really makes the dog "tick" and what it needs for its very best forever home. A detailed biography of each available dog is prepared outlining every aspect of the dog's personality and needs, and what kind of home will be the best for the dog. Rescue dogs are not "perfect" and important behavioral, emotional or health details are not sugar-coated or omitted to boost their adoptability.
- Meanwhile, the RC's and other volunteers do the work of approving applicants through extensive interviews, reference checks and home visits.
- In the end, the work of the fosters meets with the work of the RC's in finding that perfect union....the right "forever" person for the dog amongst the many applicants across the nation that submit for available dogs.

BSR is committed to this detailed process because we know the dogs are worth it and that our adopters have come to expect a high level of trust in what we do. Your support makes this possible, and I couldn't be more grateful for each and every one of you!

Dog Care Metrics

Total Dogs Cared for 163

Intakes 83

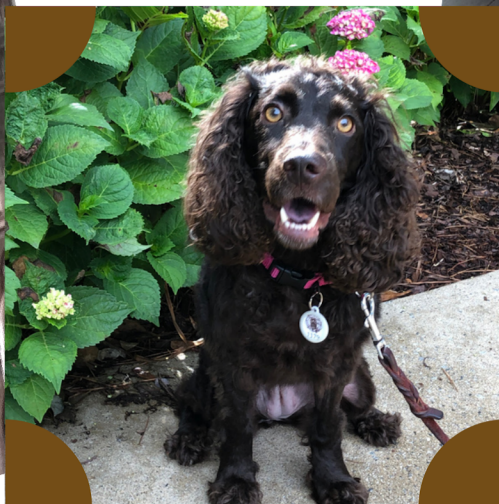
Catastrophic 15

Heartworm Positive 18

Needed Spay/Neuter 34

Adoptions 68

Rainbow Bridge 6





LYNNE BROWN DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS & MARKETING

As in 2020, many of our large events were cancelled. But, never fear, we found a way to make things work! We kicked off the year with a virtual Gala to celebrate our 20th Anniversary and what a walk down memory lane that was! We are so grateful to those who took their time to share their memories, dig out files and photos to make that happen.

Fundraising shifts have become the norm in the last few years. The cost of dog care continues to rise, so we have needed to find many new ways to engage and make supporting BSR fun. Many of our sponsors donate back a portion of proceeds while others donate products and services to our online auctions. We have expanded our offerings in ShopBSR and are well on our way to a big expansion in 2022. Yes, we do ask for donations. But, it is also very important to us that we provide many ways to give whether donating time, talent or treasure!

As Jill mentioned, transparency is incredibly important to us. We continue to achieve Platinum Seal status with Guidestar; are 'Top Rated' with Great NonProfits; a Network Partner with Best Friends Animal Network; a proud participant in Shelter Animals Count; and enjoy a 95% approval rating with Charity Navigator. Why are these important? It means that we take great care of our dogs; the community supports us; we are transparent in all we do; and are rated by an outside agency.

We are eager to get back out and see you during the coming months now that events are opening back up. Come find us, and if you aren't able to attend, please know we are only a phone call away.

2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS

PFC Bell

Bell entered BSR's care in April 2019 at 14-years-old, extremely malnourished and neglected. She also has rear leg arthritis which is now managed with meds. Initially reserved and scared, Bell has come out of her shell to become a real daddy's girl and sharing in the comfort and fun of her new life and forever foster family.



PFC Bonnie

In April 2021, Bonnie came into care as a tired old soul, weakened by years of breeding and inconsistent veterinary care. Miraculously, she was heartworm negative, but her bloodwork indicated a blood-borne cancer. Bonnie's foster got her cleaned up, and with the love and attention she began to enjoy from her new family, Bonnie showed her resilience. While she is technically in hospice care, she continues to enjoy happy days with her PFC family and pack.



2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS

PFC Brice

Brice came into BSR's care and we discovered that not only was her vision impaired, but she seemed to have overall sensory deficits and definite socialization issues. With patience, a wonderful foster to guide her; and time, Brice has begun to venture out to join her new family and is now allowing herself to engage with them a bit and seek out touch and affection from her foster.



PFC Chester

Chester was 10 years old when he came into care in May 2021, having lived outside in a pen and infrequently exercised. After thorough vetting under BSR's care, it was discovered that Chester had a tumor growing in his gumline. It was a malignant tumor, rooted down to his lower jaw bone.

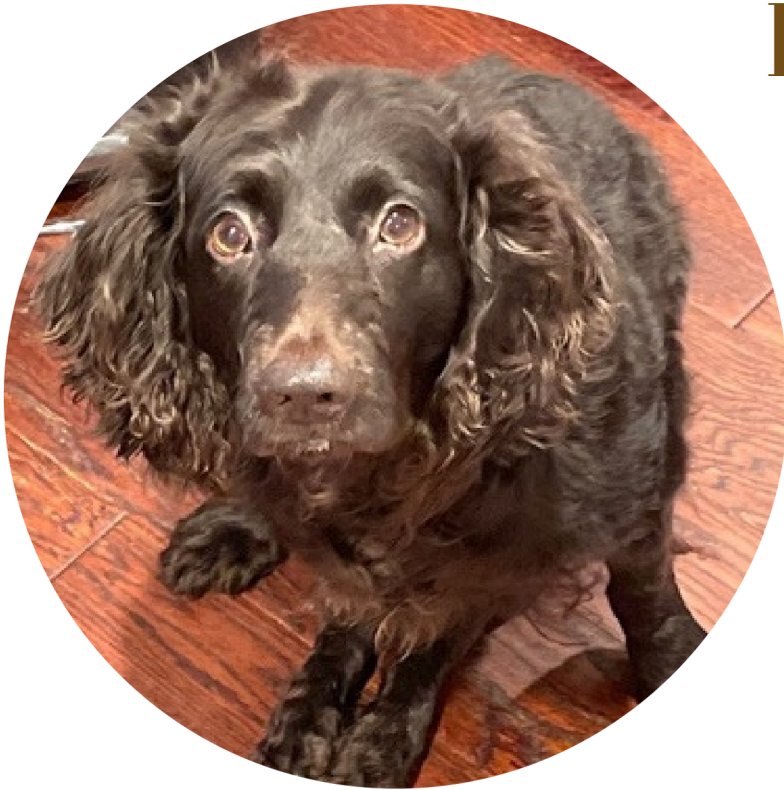
A portion of his lower jaw needed to be removed along with the tumor. Although the surgery was a success, the vets could not rule out the return of cancer and he was, therefore, designated a BSR Permanent Foster Care dog.



2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS

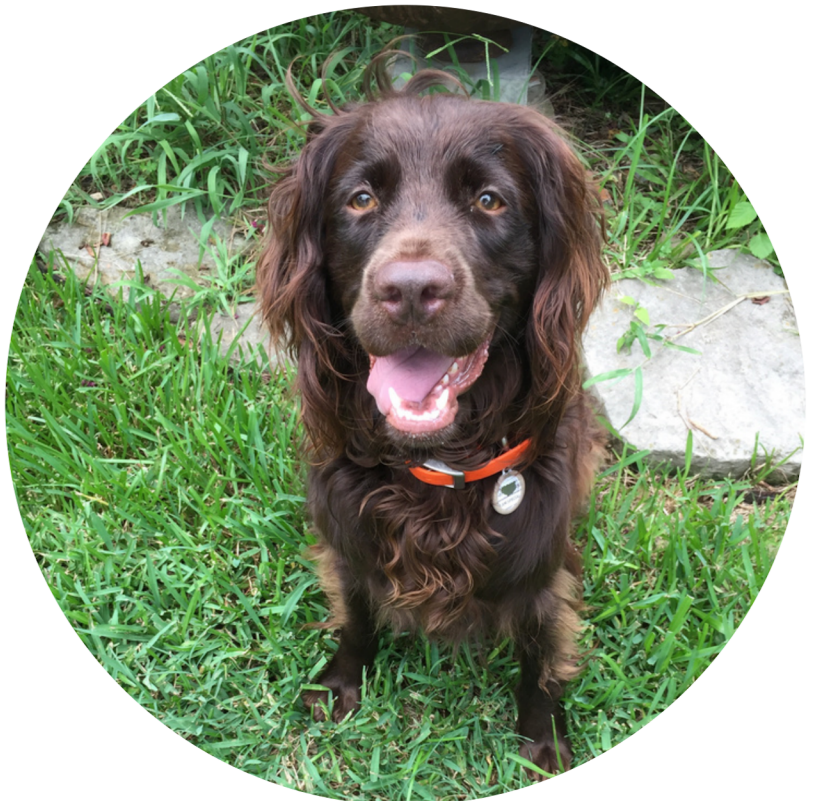
PFC Dutchess

Dutchess is a 4 year old with spinal issues. Her family could not manage her care with their full time jobs and so they surrendered her to BSR in April 2021. Once in BSR, Dutchess was immediately taken to a specialty clinic and rehab facility for evaluation and weeks of therapy to try to regain any movement possible. It was determined after imaging that the nature of the injury was a spinal lesion, possibly a spinal stroke, but not a disc rupture. With months of therapy, she has adjusted to using a wheelchair and even roller skates.



PFC Elmo

Elmo was a stray with a grade IV heart murmur. On the intake vetting with BSR, we learned that the valve in Elmo's heart that led to the pulmonary artery was so constricted that the right side of the heart had become enlarged and the pressure through the valve was roughly 3-4 times what it should be. Elmo underwent surgery and it was discovered that the extremely elevated pressures through the valve had led to a deterioration of the pulmonary artery on the other side of the valve. Given the unknowable consequences of the artery damage, Elmo will remain in our care for the rest of his life and stay with his foster close to Texas A&M for annual follow ups and care.



2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS

PFC Ella



In early 2020, Ella came into BSR's care at 10-1/2 years old and was described as a "loner" who would not engage with the family. Many pounds over weight due to an undiagnosed thyroid problem. We implemented a diet and exercise plan, as well as medication to address the thyroid, Ella began to shed weight, perk up and her coat dramatically improved. Late summer in 2020, Ella was diagnosed with lymphoma and required a splenectomy but that didn't slow her down. Today, Ella is in remission and enthusiastically joins her foster family and pack in their adventures.

PFC Gage

Gage was 7-1/2 half years old when entered BSR's care in January 2019, after a traumatic back injury and disk rupture. Upon evaluation, it was determined that the time between injury and treatment and the lack of deep pain response/neural reflex did not make him a candidate for successful surgery. However, with time, Gage surprised everyone, including his neurologist, by "spinal walking" which, while not conscious and controlled movement and more of a muscle memory, allows him to move upright and even "run" in this manner. Over this past year, Gage has learned to use special roller skates to help him walk!



2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS



PFC Gracie

Gracie entered BSR's care in July 2021 at 15 years old, nearly blind and with a thyroid condition and arthritis. Her prospects for adoption were clearly limited and so she was designated a Permanent Foster Care dog .

She will live out her golden years in the care of BSR and with the love and devotion of her foster mom!

PFC Izzo

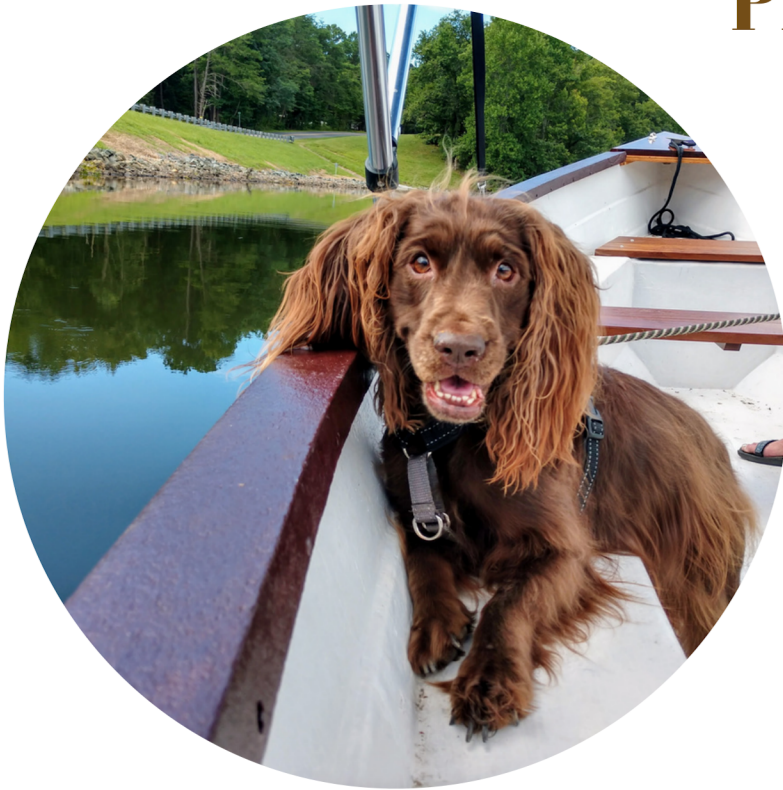
Izzo is an 8 year old. He came to BSR with some serious "stranger danger" issues and reactivity to stressful environments with noise and lots of activity. Further examination confirmed some orthopedic changes along lower sections of his spine and tail. The vet felt that these conditions were definitely contributing to any pain he was having; and, once on proper medications, he responded very well. It is anticipated that he will need to be on a lifelong specialty diet, though, due to kidney stones. But, all in all, the place he needed to lead a calm, structured and supportive life was under BSR's PFC program.



2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS

PFC Jackson Brown

Jackson came into BSR's care in September 2014 as a malnourished, weak, 7-month-old pup weighing 7 ½ pounds who had been diagnosed with diabetes at 2 ½ months of age. He was too weak to stand for long and his lower canine teeth were broken from chewing on rocks to try to avoid starvation. As he developed, other problems including 3 leaking heart valves, atrial fibrillation, digestive problems, and periodic collapses added to Jackson's challenges. He has such a strong will to live that he has either overcome or adapted to each challenge and today lives a mostly normal life.



PFC Logan

Early in 2021, Logan came into BSR's care at 11 years old after his family's home situation changed. He had exhibited a fear of strangers in his prior home; and, this behavioral issue continued with his foster, requiring extensive training and counter conditioning. He also was found to have a degree of arthritic and spinal change that added a dimension of pain management to his care. Given his age, behavior and need for ongoing pain management, Logan was designated a Permanent Foster Care dog.



2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS

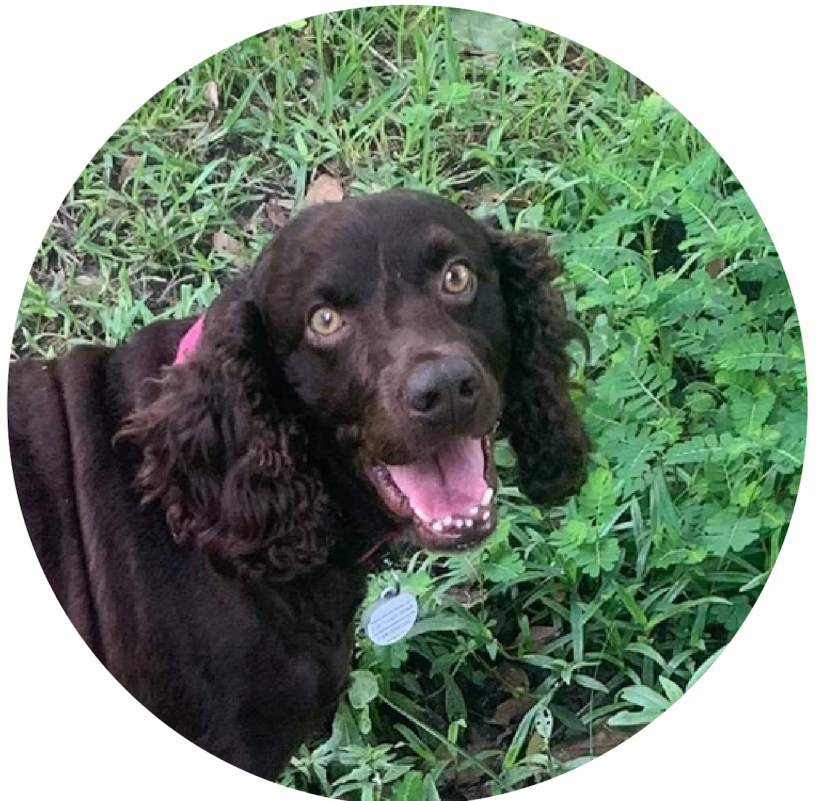
PFC Lou Bear



Prior to coming into BSR's care in April 2018 at 8-1/2 years old, Lou Bear's life consisted of living in one small room in a house and no outdoor time. By the time he was surrendered to BSR, his skin, ears and eyes were horribly infected, and his coat had largely fallen out on his underside, legs, face and ears, leaving itchy, dry "elephant" skin. Yet through it all, Lou Bear was loving and trusting. His fosters keep on top of his many needs, and are happy to report that Lou Bear continues to thrive. He is still the most loving, goofy member of his pack, and he makes his fosters laugh every day without fail!

PFC Louie

Louie, while only 8-years-old, was turned over to BSR in August 2020 after his family had noticed some severe pain reactivity upon handling. X-rays revealed Louie has a condition called spondylitis, where the vertebrae begin to grow bony bridges to the adjacent vertebrae. He also suffered from arthritic hip pain, making touching in his back end painful. With medication he is greatly improved, but his care will require lifelong management.



2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS

PFC Milton

In April 2019 at 6 months old, Milton initially presented as a pup with “swimmer’s syndrome.” The foster’s vet clinic had a neurologist who asked to do further studies on Milton, and it was determined that he had a very rare congenital defect where a point in his back failed to close at birth and a tube developed with a cyst at the end pressing on his spinal column. He underwent surgery in the summer of 2020 resulting in some increased mobility. Currently his progress has plateaued and his condition is maintained through medications. Given the tremendous developmental delays due to his defect and his need for life-long care and therapy, Milton will remain with BSR as a Permanent Foster Care dog.



PFC River

River was 9 years old when he entered BSR's care in August 2020. He was neglected, had heartworms, and exhibited pain in his rear/hips. X-rays revealed that he has a condition called spondylitis. He also suffered from arthritic hip pain making touching in his back end painful. Being over weight for his frame did not help; but, due to his heartworm treatment, exercise could not be safely introduced. Now free of heartworms, River has begun to exercise more, and medication has greatly improved his pain levels. However, his pain management care will be lifelong. River also developed a fairly significant level of separation anxiety after all the change in his life and having now developed a strong bond with his fosters, so socialization and confidence building are also needed.



2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS

PFC Ruthie



Ruthie came into care as a senior who had not been well socialized in her prior life after the death of one owner. Subsequently, Ruthie has shown an aversion to many types of people and wanted to resource guard her foster. In addition, she suffered from severe storm and separation anxiety. Ruthie was and still is a strong dog, both physically and in personality; and she and her foster began to work with a professional trainer to address these issues and new ones as they come up. Ruthie's training will be a life-long process not to let her back-slide. Ruthie is a work in progress; but with consistent, diligent work, she has become the star of her weekly training classes, attends doggie daycare weekly for socialization and loves getting her picture taken.

PFC Sadie

Sadie was 6 years old when she came into BSR's care in September 2018, after several hand-overs from owner to owner.

As a dog that had previously led an outdoor-only life, she was transitioning well to an indoor life with her new owner when she was taken in for her spay surgery. Once on the table, though, it was observed that her internal organs were mired in extensive adhesions throughout the abdominal cavity to the point that a consulting specialist considered it was unsafe to continue with the spay. Since all dogs leaving BSR's care for adoptability must be spayed or neutered, the initial diagnosis of her condition precluded this and it was determined that Sadie would remain in BSR's care.



2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS

PFC Sammie



Sammie was 11 years old when she was pulled from a shelter in Oklahoma in November 2020 and came into BSR's care. She was in very poor physical condition; she was obese, putting stress on her entire skeletal system; and, she needed to have a large tumor removed from her shoulder area. When the biopsy of the mass showed it to be malignant, it was determined that the only way to get better margins would be amputation. With Sammy weighing 70 pounds and her mobility already being sub-optimal, the vet concurred that Sammy was not a candidate for that as it was highly unlikely she could adjust well to the loss of a limb. Sammy remains in BSR's PFC program as a hospice case, but currently she has lost 16 pounds and her cancer is in remission!

PFC Sunshine

Sunshine came into BSR's care in the spring of 2021 at 8 years old with multiple issues including allergies; separation anxiety; socialization issues; and a history of eating non-food items (PICA). But, most notably she had "stranger danger" and fear aggression. Her foster family has been working with her on her challenges, and Sunshine is making slow but steady progress. Her anxieties and PICA tendencies are diminishing and she is getting better with strangers; but she will be an on-going work in progress. Despite all her challenges, she is a happy girl and loves hunting the squirrels and lizards in the backyard, hanging with her 2 Boykin brothers, and cuddling with her humans.



2021 PERMANENT FOSTERS

PFC Tugg



Tugg entered BSR's care at the end of 2020 as a young, 1-1/2 year-old boy who was being given away due to his deformed front legs.

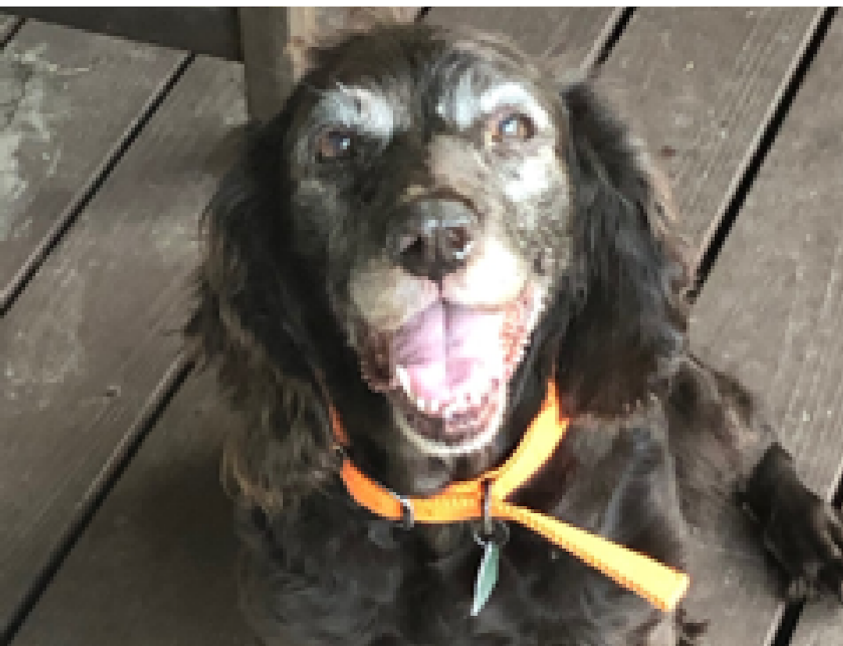
He had pronounced bowing from the shoulders and elbows, and BSR suspected a condition called "angular limb deformity" He was seen by a specialist and the condition was confirmed. Sadly, he was not in BSR's care when the condition might have been corrected with surgery; and, with his growth plates now closed, his prognosis was poor for surgery. Tugg will require life-long pain management and careful attention to physical activity. In order to ensure that he never has to go without that care and to be able to address his chronic condition as it intensifies over the years, BSR designated him a PFC.

PFC Ziggy

Ziggy was a stray taken in by a South Carolina shelter in May 2020. His condition was horrific with rampant skin infections, hair loss over most of his body, eye infections and a massive tumor on his left flank. Once in BSR's care the slow, deliberate process of treating his skin began. Once Ziggy was on the verge of adoptability--with a lovely full coat of hair and greatly increased activity levels--he managed to rupture his ACL. This setback required surgery and an 8-week rehabilitation with activity restrictions. Hip dysplasia was also diagnosed during his pre-surgery x-rays. During this time, his demeanor reflected that he was very sensitive to his hip pain, and he could be snappy when he felt bad. Together with his skin and coat management, his pain management and reactivity suggested that rather than adoptability, Ziggy should remain in BSR's care for life so that he could be managed effectively.



RAINBOW BRIDGE



PFC Hattie

PFC Bella



PFC Dakota

RAINBOW BRIDGE



PFC Milo J

PFC Perry



PFC Moultrie

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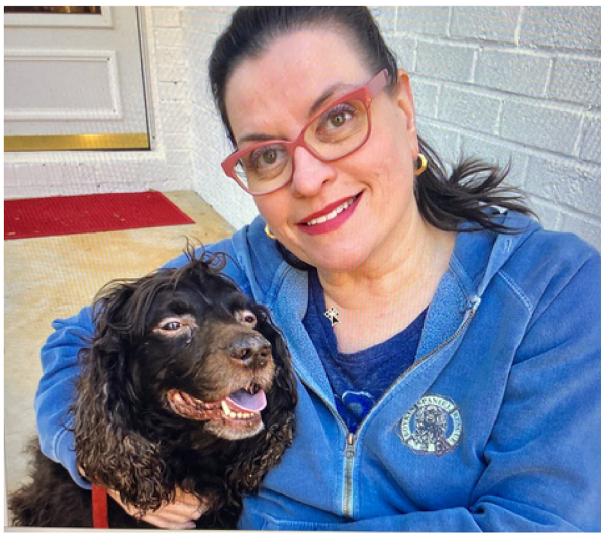
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SUSAN KAHLER INCOMING CHAIR 2022

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I have been involved with BSR since 2002 when I adopted my first Boykin Spaniel, Reesie, from the organization. Thanks to Reesie, I joined BSR as a volunteer in 2003, then moved into the NC regional coordinator role not long after. Then I served as the Executive Director for BSR from 2004-2007. In addition to being the Chairwoman, I am active on the Succession Planning and Endowment Committees.

Speaking of endowment, it so rewarding to see the establishment of the Boykin Spaniel Rescue, Inc., Endowment Fund to meet the needs of future Boykins who will enter our care. In 2022, we plan to grow this fund. I hope that you will consider a contribution designated for the endowment.

We also are delving into more comprehensive preventive veterinary care and collecting data on the benefits of this care to the dogs and the associated cost savings long term. As you know veterinary costs are skyrocketing and consume a large part of our budget.

Lastly, we will fine tune our technology platform to make us more cyber secure and also efficient in our day to day jobs of keeping the organization humming along.

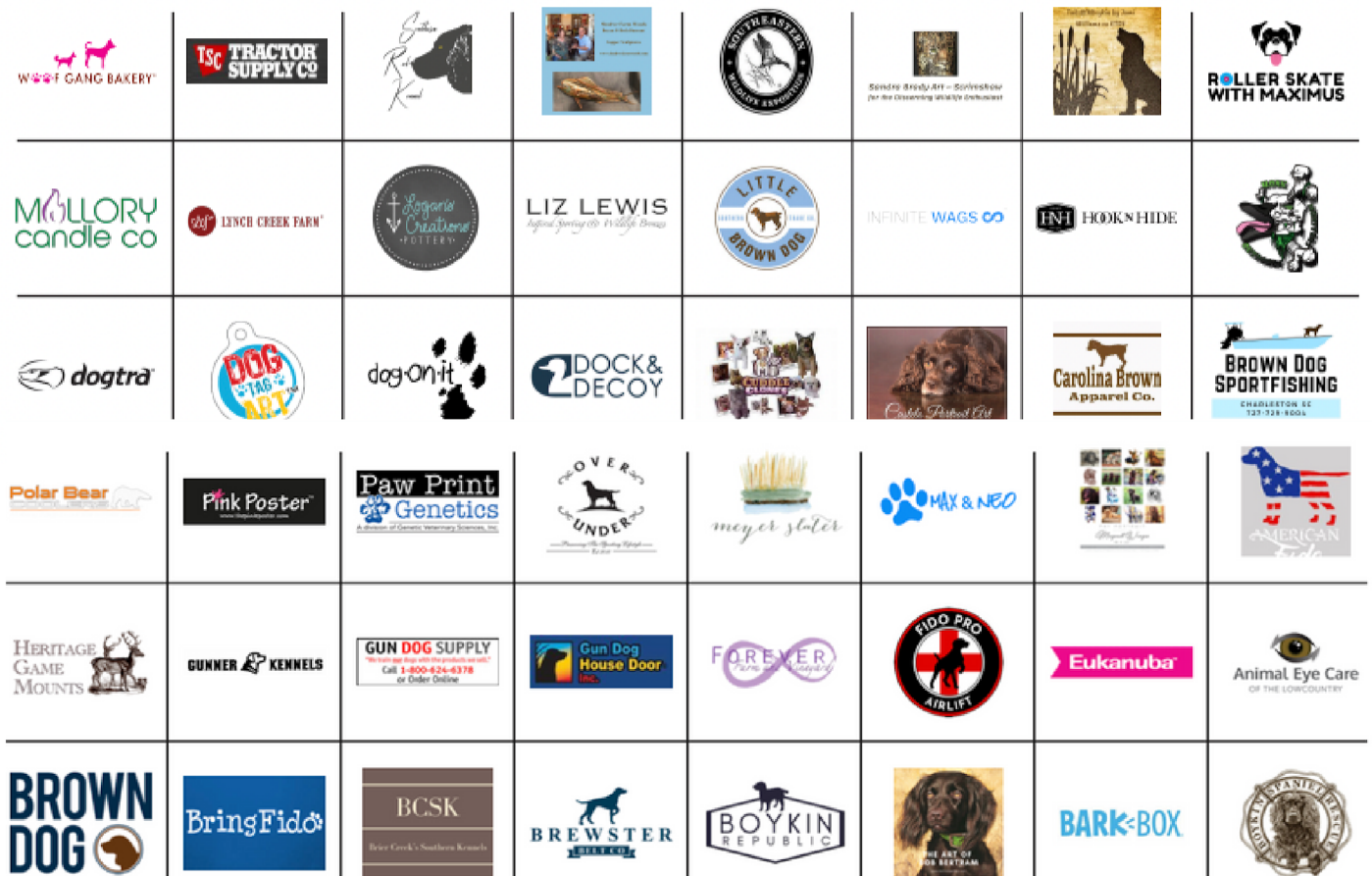
I've seen BSR grow in so many wonderful ways over the last 20 years. I am proud of all of the work that has been done to get to this point.

We would not be where we are at now without your support and donations. Thank you for your faith in us and for the love of these incredible dogs that touch all of our hearts.

Kindly,

Susan Kahler, Chairwoman of the Board
Mom to BSR Alum Dobby

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