



Do You Know the History of GCCR?



- ❖ Greater Chicago Cavalier Rescue was founded around Sue Coffee's kitchen table in 2005 with 5 members: Sue, Helen Cordell, Betty Iliff, Jackie Spielman, and Bob Tomaszewski. Sue served as GCCR's first president.
- ❖ The number of Cavaliers rescued in 2005: ONE! A Black and Tan named Tugboat.



❖ Tugboat was rescued TWICE. His initial owner gave him up due to human illness. Five and a half years later, his first adopting family faced foreclosure and returned Tugboat to GCCR. Tugboat spent his remaining 3½ years being loved by Carol and Bob. Tugboat went to the Rainbow Bridge in March 2015 at the age of 10.

- ❖ GCCR's Yahoo Group was established as an opportunity for Cavalier lovers to share thoughts, offer support, and spread GCCR news. It now boasts 320+ members who contribute their time and efforts. We also have over 2,150 Facebook "Likes"!!



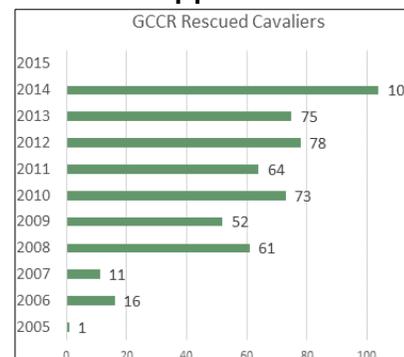
- ❖ GCCR's website underwent a major facelift in November 2011. Our thanks go to Holly Bauernsmith, who volunteered hundreds of hours working with the website developers and GCCR Board. A huge time-saver came with the addition of a database tool to store information gathered from online application forms for adopting, fostering, and volunteering, as well as storing detailed information on each rescue and home visit. Other great website enhancements included the ability to share event information and make online donations.



❖ GCCR's first "pawty" in 2005 was in a volunteer's backyard, with just a handful of people and Cavaliers in attendance. GCCR's 2014 Jingle Pawty was attended by 185 dogs and 285 humans.

- ❖ GCCR now averages one adoption application a day, and we have more applications than we have dogs.

- ❖ In 2014, GCCR exceeded 100 rescues for the first time, ending the year with 104. To date, GCCR has rescued over 560 Cavaliers!



- ❖ In 2015 volunteers will spread the news about GCCR at 21 events (including 3 in Milwaukee), meet and greets, neighborhood fests, and giant expos. Volunteers tell everyone about GCCR and our goals to help needy Cavaliers.

- ❖ GCCR is always looking for volunteers to help with website management, merchandise management, fundraising efforts, grant applications, and other projects. Would you like to help? Visit gccavalierrescue.org/content/volunteer.