



# Fall 2014 Newsletter

# OUR ONE HOPE

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www.gccavalierrescue.org



Living with a special needs child is often a struggle, not only for the child, but for the family as well. Read a mother's story of the special bond between a Cavalier named **Reggie** and her special needs son. Their one hope came in the form of a rescue dog who, to everyone's surprise, accomplished what doctors, therapists, and medications could not. Well, maybe not to *everyone's* surprise... (read more)



## HEALTH AND SAFETY





✤ Never leave your pet outdoors for long periods.

- \* Never leave your pet alone in a car during cold weather.
- Consider a coat or sweater for your dog, and protective boots if they'll wear them. Frostbite is a hazard to pets as well as humans. The most susceptible areas for dogs are their ears, nose, tail, and paws.
- \* Thoroughly clean your dog's paws, legs, and belly when he comes in from the sleet or snow. They may contain harmful chemicals like anti-freeze or ice melting products that dogs can ingest while licking.
- ※ Use pet-safe ice melting products and a protective balm like Musher's Secret<sup>™</sup> to protect your dog's paw pads.

During the holidays, there's often an abundance of food and a multitude of distractions, so it's not unusual for pets to be more likely to eat something they shouldn't. If that should happen, your first call should be to your veterinarian. But if one isn't available, listed below are some websites and phone numbers

with **POISON** information. Why not be proactive and take a moment to review the list of potentially harmful items that may be found in and around your home. It just may prevent an emergency trip to the vet.

### 5 QUICK TIPS if Your Pet Becomes Poisoned (HealthyPets.com)

(Please note, Consultation Fees may apply for phone calls:)http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poisons855-764-7661http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control888-426-4435

#### TOP 10 KITCHEN DANGERS TO PETS:

(more foods plus non-kitchen items listed on websites)

- Chocolate
- Grapes, raisins, certain types of currants
- Xylitol
- Fatty table scraps
- Caffeine (e.g., coffee grounds)
- Onions, garlic, chives
- Compost
- Moldy foods
- Macadamia nuts
- Unbaked bread

## **RESCUE HIGHLIGHTS**

On November 22, 2014 coordinated national Cavalier rescue groups purchased nearly 100 Cavaliers at an auction in Wheaton MO. See <u>www.operationcavalierrescue.org</u>. GCCR was represented at the auction and stood ready to take needy Cavaliers. All the rescued Cavaliers are being vetted and placed by the national organizations. GCCR's work continues—in the last ten years GCCR has rescued over 300 Cavaliers that were purchased at auctions or given without charge to independent rescuers who take discarded breeding dogs. Congratulations to the rescue groups involved. Welcome, little Cavaliers, to freedom and a new and better life!

If you missed the articles on **Archie**, A City Dog or Adorable **Tinker**, <u>click here</u> to read their stories now.







### **GCCR RESCUE STATS**



#### 2012 Total Intake 66 2013 Total Intake 73 2014 YTD Intake (thru November) 98 In 2014 GCCR will likely rescue over 100 needy Cavaliers!

### YEAR-TO-DATE ANNUAL GIVING



#### HELP FILL THE COFFERS!

Recent medical expenses and rescue<br/>efforts have consumed GCCR's reserves.GCCR 2014 CONTRIBUTIONS GOAL:\$70,000YEAR TO DATE (INCLUDING PAWTY):\$60,200

Giving Tuesday, National Day of Giving, is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please give what you can. Every gift helps a needy Cavalier!

UPCOMING EVENTS ( <u>Click for a list of upcoming 2015 events</u> )			GCCR CONTACT INFO
Great Lakes Pet Expo Chicagoland Family Pet Expo Chicago Pet Show Blackbeard's Bowl Holistic Pet Festival	Jan. 31 Mar. 20, 21, 22 Apr. 25, 26 May 16	Arlington Heights, IL Oak Lawn, IL	PO Box 671 Yorkville, IL 60560 630-553-2810 www.gccavalierrescue.org