



November 2016 Newsletter



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### POLO, CEDAR, & MILLY UPDATES



Remember **Polo**, **Cedar**, and **Milly**, aka “the heart pups”? All three arrived with Pulmonic Stenosis (PS). **Polo** had successful balloon valvuloplasty and is enjoying life in his “forever” home!

*Polo Cedar Milly*

**Cedar** had two unsuccessful attempts at the same procedure and both were stopped due to heart arrhythmia. While receiving cardiac medications to partially help his condition, a caring and compassionate family made a generous donation to give Cedar one more chance. On November 16 Cedar’s procedure was a success with only mild arrhythmia! He’s happily recovering with his foster family.

In addition to PS, **Milly** also has a hole in her heart that we had hoped would heal so she could have the same procedure. Surprisingly, the cardiologist determined that each medical condition compliments the other and is keeping Milly’s heart strong for the time being. She has a doting foster (maybe “forever”?) mom who will see that she has regular cardiac checkups. Three cheers for three Cavaliers!

### KATIE, TEAGON, AND KEATON



A caravan of Cavaliers, navigated by Tammy and Helen, arrived at Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center in mid November. Six-year-old **Katie** was tested and treated for deafness, but several other medical issues were found, including Mitral Valve Disease and retinal atrophy. Eight-month-old **Teagon** had surgery to correct her PDA and will have a 3-month recovery under the watchful eyes of her fosters. **Keaton** was examined by a cardiologist who confirmed Pulmonary Stenosis but Keaton does NOT have aortic insufficiency and ASD as originally thought! He’ll have balloon catheter surgery this week.

For more details on Katie, Teagon, and Keaton, visit our Critical Care Fund page at <http://tinyurl.com/GCCRCCFSTORIES>. To all who gave from their hearts, we can’t **THANK YOU** enough!

### NEWS FROM THE BOARD



Over a year ago, Helen Cordell, one of GCCR's founders and long-time president, expressed her desire to lessen the time and energy she was devoting to GCCR efforts. To achieve that goal, the Board of Directors met with a consultant to begin succession planning and promptly redistributed a portion of her workload among other Board members.

As planned, six months ago, Helen resigned her position as President, and Board member Sally Stukel stepped in as Interim President. Helen continued on the Board as Co-Rescue Coordinator for another five months until resigning at the end of October.

GCCR would not be the great organization that it is without Helen's guidance and leadership over the past 11 years. You could say Cavaliers are in her blood! To that end, Helen will be helping behind the scenes with administrative tasks as time permits.

Another change you’ll notice is our new mailing address: **PO Box 1421, Aurora, IL 60507**

As GCCR continues to grow, there will be changes. But our mission remains the same: “to help ensure the health and security of endangered Cavalier King Charles Spaniels”. It’s all about the dogs. Always has been. Always will be.

Below is a listing of GCCR’s current Board of Directors. Feel free to contact us with questions or concerns. You can find email addresses on the GCCR website under [“Contact Us”](#).

Sally Stukel	Interim President & Publicist	Marie Brestel	Chief of Board & Co-Event Coordinator
Cathy Schadel	Rescue Coordinator	Doug Johnson	Co-Event Coordinator
Sheila Scaggs	Communication	Jo Ann Peters	Treasurer
Patti Insalaco	Volunteer Coordinator	Laurie Kaiser	Secretary
Virginia (Ginger) Hall	Director of Fundraising		



### GCCR RESCUE STATS and HIGHLIGHTS

**2015 Total Intake 119**  
**2016 Intake to Date 98**



It’s been another good year for rescued Cavaliers. Nearly 100 have been placed in “forever” homes and are living the good life! We couldn’t have done it without the help of all our dedicated volunteers, as well as the many kind and generous people who have supported GCCR financially. **THANK YOU** and **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



**JINGLE PAWTY HIGHLIGHTS**



**ATTENDEES:**  
230+ People  
170+ Cavaliers

**WINNER!**  
**SeaWorld Hilton Grand Raffle**  
Michelle R. - Lake in the Hills, IL




**SLEIGH FULL OF MONEY WINNERS:**  
**\$772 to GCCR for needy Cavaliers**

1<sup>st</sup> place \$386 Mary M. - Chicago, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$270 Sara B. - Grand Rapids, MI  
3<sup>rd</sup> place \$116 Francis L. - Downers Grove, IL



Paws down, we had another epic Jingle Pawty on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>! Unusually mild weather for November brought out a bumper crop of folks who helped GCCR celebrate another great year of education, volunteerism, and Cavalier rescue.

Over 230 Pawty guests and 170+ Cavaliers frolicked off-leash, jingling through the day--catching up with old friends and checking out all of the fabulous services and wares our vendors had to offer. Also, our guests and volunteers outdid themselves this year with an absolutely scrumptious buffet lunch which left everyone satisfied.

Every year, it "takes a village" to make the Jingle Pawty a success – and this year was no exception. All of our raffles were successful, including an impressive \$2,400 raised in the Silent Auction---and a new record for our Bake Sale with close to \$700 in treats, cookies and cakes going home with some very happy Pawty guests.

Lastly, we would be remiss if we didn't mention the "Jingle Flood of 2016", when one of the water mains in the restroom broke! We owe a special thank you to Ric, Doug, Ron, and Herman who expertly helped to clear out all of the water. So, with sincere apologies to 1950's pop icon Bobby Darin, we offer you our shortened version of the hit song, "Splish Splash"....

The Jingle Flood of 2016

*Splish splash, we almost took us a bath,  
Long about the Jingle Pawty day.  
Rub-dub, we nearly had us a flood,  
But everything turned out ok.*

*Bing bang, there was a whole gang  
Helpin' keep the water at bay.  
Splish splash, it was gone in a flash,  
Cavs and guests enjoyed the day!*

*There was a-splishin' and a'splashin'...'  
Folks millin', tables fillin'...  
Guys hoppin' and a moppin'...  
Movin' and a'groovin'...*

*Splish splash, we had us a blast!  
What an awesome Pawty filled with fun!*

**CANINE QUOTES**



You can't change a dog's past, but you can change their future.



**ANNUAL GIVING**

**HELP FILL THE COFFERS!**



**2016 CONTRIBUTIONS GOAL \$90,000**

**2016 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$83,100**



**MATCHING**

*Do you donate through your employer? Please remember GCCR when your annual pledge comes due.*

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**NEW!**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*\*\* 2017 \*\*\***

- Feb. 4 Great Lakes Pet Expo Milwaukee, WI
- Mar. 17-18-19 Chicagoland Family Pet Expo Arlington Hts., IL

*Come out and see us—better yet, volunteer and help spread the word about GCCR! Contact [Volunteers@gccavalierrescue.org](mailto:Volunteers@gccavalierrescue.org).*