



## November 2015 Newsletter



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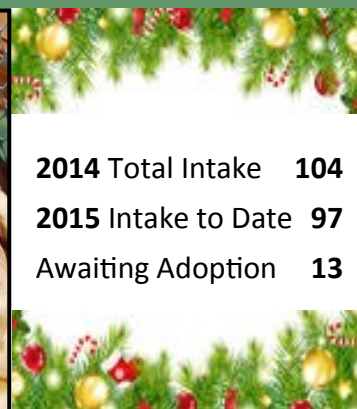
### NATASHA—THEN and NOW



**Natasha** came to GCCR in August 2013 after being discarded by a commercial breeder due to a rapid heartbeat. Medical tests revealed she had two very serious conditions—SVT and severe MVR. Doctors said Natasha's heart was the largest they had seen in a dog her size. [Click here](#) to read how love, commitment, and proper medical care dramatically changed Natasha's life.

### GCCR RESCUE STATS and HIGHLIGHTS

In recent months GCCR came to the aid of over 50 Cavaliers, bringing our year-to-date total to **97**, with 10 more expected in December. **Oriole** was one of the lucky ones who found a new life not only for herself, but also for the 3 puppies she was carrying, now born free from the life she once knew. Two Cavaliers were diagnosed with EPI—a debilitating condition uncommon among Cavaliers, that when recognized is easily treated with enzyme supplements. Two breaks in Fergie's femur were repaired after a severe accident. Lastly, several Cavaliers now run pain free after luxating patella surgery.



**2014 Total Intake 104**

**2015 Intake to Date 97**

**Awaiting Adoption 13**

### ANNUAL GIVING



**HELP FILL THE COFFERS!**

**2015 CONTRIBUTIONS GOAL: \$80,000**

**2015 YTD [CONTRIBUTIONS](#): \$75,000**

***Expenses are likely to reach \$100,000 by year end. We still need your help!***

### CANINE QUOTES

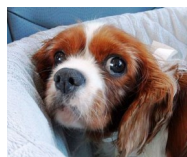
*In a perfect world,  
every home would  
have a dog  
and every dog would  
have a home.*

*Unknown*



### HEALTH AND SAFETY

In October, several GCCR Fosters met to share experiences and learn from two knowledgeable dog trainers. Summaries of the two presentations can be found on GCCR's website in the [Library](#) under "Health and Wellness", or click each link below.



#### [How to Help Fearful Dogs](#)

by Christine Johnson, Owner of  
**Dogs 4 Life Training and Wellness**  
and **A Naturally Balanced Dog**



#### [Bonding with Your Foster Dog](#)

by Pam Booras, Teacher, CDBC  
**Unleashed Potential Canine Teaching  
& Behavior**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Great Lakes Pet Expo	Jan. 30	West Allis, WI
Chicagoland Family Pet Expo	Mar. 18, 19, 20	Arlington Heights, IL
Chicago Pet Show	Apr. 23 & 24	Oak Lawn, IL
Blackbird's Bowl Holistic Pet Festival	May 21	Morris, IL

***Come out and see us—better yet, volunteer and help spread the word about GCCR!***



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### JINGLE PAWTY HIGHLIGHTS



#### November 15<sup>th</sup> Attendees

304 People

175 Cavaliers



#### BEACHFRONT INN—Door County, WI

##### Mini Vacation Winner:

Debbie V. in Plainfield, IL



#### SLEIGH FULL OF MONEY WINNERS:

**\$817** to GCCR for needy Cavaliers

\$409 Susan R. in Chicago, IL

\$286 Lisa L. in Aurora, IL

\$123 Megan S. in Palatine, IL



A truly unbelievable warm and sunny day, with temperatures near 65° produced a bumper crop of Cavalier enthusiasts and their four-legged family members at this year's GCCR Jingle Pawty. Our party space at the DuPage County Fairgrounds was PACKED with a total of 304 humans and 175 off-leash Cavaliers!

Everyone had a fabulous time – catching up and making new friends while checking out all of the wonderful products and services our creative vendors had to offer. The potluck buffet was “pawstively” bountiful – truly a feast—all provided by our amazing GCCR volunteers and Pawty guests.

Our GCCR supporters were extremely generous this year and donated many wonderful prizes---all of which were included in both our regular raffle and silent auctions. Every time a raffle ticket was pulled and a name was called, a roar went up from the crowd!

Hundreds of volunteer hours, miles, and smiles all came together to make this year's event our best ever! Way to go everyone!



### Holiday Shopping Ideas



Leash  
Hangers

Yankee  
Candles

Christmas  
Wreaths

T-Shirts

2016  
Calendars



Click on each photo for more details and ordering information.  
A portion of all sales goes to GCCR to help Cavaliers in need.