

# 2015 Annual Report



Second CHANCE Cocker Rescue, Inc

## Mission Statement:

To find loving homes for cocker spaniels in need. We are an all-volunteer, foster-based cocker spaniel rescue group covering the state of CA. We provide medical care, spay/neuter, micro chips and vaccinations for our foster dogs. We will help you select the right for your family and lifestyle.

## Brief History of the Organization

Second Chance Cocker Rescue, Inc was founded on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 by Elizabeth Mazzetti and Melody Acres as a Cocker Spaniel breed rescue. We rescued and found homes for 50 dogs our first year and now do about 200 a year.. We do not have a facility. We pull animals from shelters all over California.. We also, take in owner relinquishments if we have room but we prioritize animals at risk first.



## Board of Directors

Our board of directors is comprised solely of volunteers. We have no paid positions.

**Elizabeth Mazzetti:** Ms Mazzetti is a SCCR founder and has served as president of SCCR since inception. She is the cocker representative for Southern California. Active in the rescue world, she previously served five years as president of Bunnies Urgently Needing Shelter, the rabbit rescue group serving Santa Barbara County Animal Shelter and served on the board of Directors for K9-PALS for several years. Professionally she got her degree in Computer Sciences and is a retired software engineer and project manager for high tech companies.

**Donna Sarasin:** Ms Sarasin is the SCCR Treasurer and bookkeeper. She is a Staff Accountant/Full Charge Bookkeeper with Accountable Services, where she has been since 2004. Her expertise included financial statement preparation and payroll administration. Ms. Sarasin received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo in 1991. Ms. Sarasin is a QuickBooks Certified Pro Advisor.

**Carolyn Graham:** Ms. Graham owns and operates a kennel for rescue dogs, which she has done for the past 4 years. Prior to that, she was CFO and Business Manager for an architectural firm in San Diego for 18 years. Ms. Graham has been involved in dog rescue for more than 20 years, first in San Diego County and now in Riverside County. While doing dog rescue in San Diego, she established lost and found programs in residential areas to help keep the dogs within their own communities and out of shelters. She is new to SCCR this year but been a long time associate.

**Debra Shelton:** Ms Shelton is a practicing licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in California, and she has used her Cocker Spaniels in her practice, with both adults and children, for about 8 years. She has been a volunteer over the last 26 years with several organizations, and she began fostering and assisting with Cocker Rescue in November of 2012. She became a volunteer with

Second Chance Cocker Rescue in March of 2014. Debra is currently the San Joaquin Valley SCCR Team Lead, and resides in Bakersfield.

## Volunteers



We have no paid staff. Our volunteers do all the work and they are amazing. They perform administrative and technical duties. They retrieve cockers from shelters, transport them, aid in their evaluation and medical care, provide temporary homes for them, introduce them to potential adopters, conduct home safety checks, and follow up post adoption to ensure our dogs are settling in to their new families well. All our special events are planned and executed by this group of dedicated volunteers. They are committed to

saving cocker spaniels and it shows when you look at our list of success stories.

## Veterinarians

We have a wonderful team of veterinarians who work with us to ensure that each animal is given the best possible care before they are placed in their new homes. We are very selective about who we work with and appreciate the dedication, generosity and skills of every clinic.

Carpinteria Veterinary Hospital - Carpinteria  
Cook's Veterinary Hospital-Bakersfield  
Mercy Crusade-Oxnard  
Sycamore Creek Veterinary Clinic-Corona



Every dog will be spayed or neutered, tested, micro-chipped and have any existing medical condition treated before they are adopted.

### Cost for typical medical procedures

Vet. exam	\$50
Spay/neuter	\$50-120
DHLPP	\$10
Rabies	\$10
Micro-chip	\$20-30
Heartworm tests	\$48
Dentals	\$600-\$1000
Mammary tumor &/or suspicious mass removal	\$500-\$2,000
Cherry eye correction	\$400-500
Glaucoma ablation procedure	\$450

## Adoptions and Sanctuary Placements

At any one time we have approximately 20-30 adoptable cockers and at least 60-70 sanctuary cockers in our foster homes. We use Adopt-a-Pet as well as Petfinder to market our available dogs. Facebook and our blog were used to spotlight particularly critical cases.

In 2015 we rescued approx 200 dogs and supported 70 dogs in our sanctuary program. Since 2003 we have rescued over 1,500 dogs and supported a total of 500 in our sanctuary program through the years.

## Programs

**Adoptions:** We mainly pull cockers from the Sacramento, Kern County and other central valley shelters; also San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and the Ventura county shelter in central California as well as shelters in the San Francisco Bay Area and LA county. We will take dogs from other shelters if we have the space. We will also take in owner surrenders if we have open foster homes but dogs at risk take priority. All dogs are temperament tested, given a vet check, micro-chipped, vaccinated, spay/neutered and given any medical care or behavior training needed before the dogs are adopted. This typically runs to the hundreds or thousands of dollars per dog. Adopters fill out an application, have a phone interview, home visit and pay an adoption fee.

**Sanctuary Program:** If we get dog who is 12 years or over or has a severe and chronic medical problem that will make him difficult to adopt out then we will put the dog into our sanctuary program where they will live out their lives in a permanent foster home where we pay for all medical care.

**Cocker Placement Service:** We offer a placement service for people who need to find a new home for their cocker when we don't have an open foster. We require that the dog is spayed or neutered, current on his vaccines and has seen a vet in the last 4 months. We will meet and evaluate the dog. Post his picture on our website, screen the calls and handle the adoption. They will provide a home for the dog, if possible, while we are looking for an adopter.

**H.A.L.O. Program.** H.A.L.O. is a service offered through Second Chance Cocker Rescue to all Cocker Spaniel owners. For a set fee, Second Chance will be your cocker spaniel's safety net when you are gone. If you sign up for our H.A.L.O. registry we will commit to take in your Cocker Spaniel when you pass away if no family members are available to take the dog. These dogs will be treated as rescue dogs and either adopted into new families or placed in our Sanctuary program where they will be loved and cared for the rest of their lives by Second Chance.

## Events



**Cocker Reunion Picnics**—We hold an annual Cocker Spaniel Reunion Picnic every summer and invite all our adopters, volunteers and supporters.