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ANGEL *Learning to Walk Again*

ONE OF THE SADDEST THINGS we hear about in animal rescue is when an animal is given up because the owner either can't afford their pets veterinary needs, or puts a cap on how much they spend. This problem is getting worse. Our economy continues to struggle, and sadly, pets that are not suffering from life-threatening disorders often end up euthanized to avoid vet bills.



Sweet Angel became a victim of just such an incident when her owners dropped her off at the county shelter claiming she had a shoulder injury. They said they couldn't afford to take her to the vet. It turned out that Angel was suffering from an injury common in short legged dogs with long bodies. Two of the discs in her back had ruptured and her rear legs were paralyzed from the injury. To make matters worse, Angel also had three bladder stones the size of olives. Poor girl! A poor diet and either jumping or falling had caused her owner to drop her off at the shelter for euthanasia.

Happy Tails!

For the first few months, we tried medication, acupuncture, and chiropractic care to see if we could get Angel to walk again, but in the end, she required a specialized surgery to fix her back. Dr. Steven Skinner, the specialist who did her surgery, said her injury was extreme and we would have to wait and see whether she would improve over two months of exercises and physical therapy. Within two weeks, Angel was able to stand on her own, and now, a month into her recovery, she is running full speed ahead on her short little wobbly legs. This little trooper is well on her way to a complete recovery.



Hurray for Angel! She deserves it!

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9th Annual Fall Jewelry Sale and Fund Raiser

It's that time again!

Your money goes farther and helps make a difference when you buy our recycled jewelry. This year our sale will be:

Sunday, Nov. 15

9 am – 4 pm

Cedar Hills Rec Center

11640 SW Park Way, Portland 97225
(corner of Park Way & Cedar Hills Blvd.)

We have gold, silver, gems, fine and fun costume, vintage, holiday and ethnic jewelry at great prices. Everything you can possibly imagine. Fill a bag with hobby jewelry for only \$1.

We hope to see you there!

HUGE THANKS to all the terrific, generous people from all over the country who have donated jewelry to our jewelry sales. **You're the best!**

Two Blind Brothers Who Needed Our Help!

A COUPLE OF MONTHS ago, Columbia County Animal Control contacted us because their staff fell in love with two young brothers who were found running stray. No one ever came looking for the dogs and after a few months the tiny shelter ran out of time to find them a new home. It's the age old dilemma of every shelter.

The boys are victims of breeders, who continue to try to breed a variety of dog that will make them more money. In this case, these Catahoula Leopard Hounds were bred for a look called "Double Merle." The mutant gene causes various disabilities and deformities. In this case, Zero was born without any eyes. His brother, Uno, was born with one visually impaired eye, and one blind, shrunken eye.

We could not let these sweet dogs end up euthanized because they were a product of a breeder's greed. The boys are a kick! They're big boys and they love to run and play and wrestle and can even fetch a ball. It's hard to tell they have any disability. Zero gets his bearings quickly and navigates almost as if he can see. The brothers are very bonded to one another. We are working on their training and feel they'll make great companions for someone who has a soft spot for animals with special needs. Please let us know if you can think of just the right home for these beautiful dogs.



Scrip Program Continues to Bring in Revenue

BIG THANKS TO all of you who have continued to purchase scrip from us every month since we started the program. **You've all realized how easy it is to donate a portion of your everyday shopping dollars to Indigo Rescue by purchasing scrip every month—and it doesn't cost you anything extra!**

For any newbies to scrip, this is the easiest way to earn free money for Indigo Rescue. Scrip is really just gift cards, spent dollar for dollar the same as cash, or any other gift card. The big difference is the vendors donate a percentage of your purchase to Indigo Rescue. The link to the scrip order form and monthly deadline for orders is available on our website. Simply place your order and mail it to Indigo Rescue along with a check every month by the deadline. We mail your scrip gift cards a week later and you just spend it like regular money. That's all it takes! The scrip program adds lots of new vendors every few months so please take a minute to look at the order form. You might be surprised to see how many of your favorite restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, book stores, theaters, home improvement stores and much more, are available.

Scrip cards make super convenient gifts, too. No more guessing what your loved one wants, just let them choose for themselves! Be sure to tell them your gift helped support animal rescue efforts. Twice as meaningful!

❁ Don't forget your scrip order for the holidays!

Groceries • Car Washes • Malls • Restaurants • Movies
Home Improvement • Take-out Food • iTunes • MORE

*New to Scrip?
It's EASY!*

It's as easy as using a gift card, AND Indigo gets a percentage of your purchase—at no extra cost to you!

- **Use scrip to help you budget.** Need to limit your New Seasons spending? Allow yourself one \$350 card each month. You get your great food and Indigo gets \$14!
- **Trying to wean yourself of the Starbucks habit?** Allow yourself one \$25 card each month. You get your latte and Indigo gets \$1.50!
- **Buy scrip for gifts.** Wanna give Dad \$50 at REI? REI will give Indigo \$4



A Noteworthy New Indigo Rescue Board Member

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY that a little Beaverton-based animal rescue organization like ours gets to boast adding a celebrity to their board. But that's what's happened and we're very excited about it! Comedian and writer, **Elayne Boosler**, joined the Indigo Rescue Board of Directors. You can read about Elayne and some of her phenomenal career on our website. Here's a short history of how Elayne joined Indigo Rescue's board.

In 2001, Elayne Boosler founded her own non-profit animal welfare organization, Tails of Joy (www.tailsofjoy.net), to help support deserving rescues across the country.

"One of the fund-raising programs of Tails of Joy was to sell all after-show merchandise from my comedy shows for the benefit of a local rescue in that city," explains Boosler. "The very first rescue to benefit from that program was Indigo Rescue. Leading up to the Portland show I asked the locals what the most effective rescue was, and who should receive the money. Indigo Rescue was mentioned over and over again. I've stayed in touch with the group all these years, interested in their further programs and developments. Indigo Rescue is at a very exciting crossroads of becoming self sufficient enough to carry on its work by creating its own profits through OCU at Indigo Ranch. I'd very much like to help them do that."

So, Elayne is one of us now! Check out some of the information in our new brochure for OCU at Indigo Ranch and you'll see some of Elayne's fun contributions. We REALLY need more humor in animal rescue! We're currently working on plans to have Elayne come to Portland to do a benefit concert for us in spring 2009. Imagine the possibilities! **Welcome, Elayne!**

OCU at Indigo Ranch Continues to Grow and Develop

THIS YEAR HAS been a year of new experiences as we've set about to develop OCU at Indigo Ranch into a profitable business to support Indigo Rescue.

First, we survived the worst flood in documented history in Vernonia, but not without a fair amount of damages we've slowly been repairing. We painstakingly fenced all of the dog exercise areas. We dug trenches, moved fill dirt, planted blueberries, built a hen house and secured a safe area for our chickens. Volunteers Becky and Matt hand-raised baby chicks into happy chickens who now live in a 7,000 square foot area and produce farm fresh, organic, Omega 3 eggs that we sell to our supporters.



Thanks to a generous grant from Ed Cauduro, we are weeks away from starting our Phase I remodel and we will soon have a second dormitory and training center for our boarding dogs, so they can play inside in rainy weather and select their own beds and nap areas.

Next spring, we'll build a wading pond for dogs to splash around in when it's warm outside. Tell all your friends, OCU at Indigo Ranch has truly become a vacation resort for dogs and we need your support to make sure we're successful. Come board your dog with us for the best vacation he or she will ever have! All proceeds fund our non-profit animal rescue.

5 Lattés
3 Lunches
or
1 Dinner Out

Times are tough for everyone, and animal causes are high on the list in trouble as our economy falters. By next year, our hope is to support much of our own rescue work by being profitable at our ranch. That's still a year from now, and the need for rescue work is increasing. Donations are down, but we can never ease up on our commitment to help the animals. This year, we're asking you for something different. **We're asking each of you to donate \$25 to Indigo Rescue.**

\$25 for a year of support. Hard to imagine?

THINK ABOUT IT. You are part of the 1,500 people on our list of supporters and if every one our supporters can make a tax-deductible donation of \$25 for the year, it totals up to \$37,500. That's a LOT OF MONEY that Indigo can use to continue rehabilitating our rescues, working on spay/neuter programs and paying the mortgage at our ranch until it becomes profitable.

Yes!

I will help Indigo Rescue

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

THANK YOU!

RETURN TO: PO Box 554, Beaverton OR 97075 • 503.626.7222

Everclear *and* Sneakin' Out Give a Benefit Concert for Indigo Rescue

IN SEPTEMBER, PORTLANDER Art Alexakis generously offered his band, Everclear, to provide a benefit concert for Indigo. He and the band and crew flew in following a show in Vegas and a tour in Germany and donated their time to perform for Indigo supporters. Approximately 400 people came to our intimate show at the Wonder Ballroom and felt as if they had Everclear perform for them at a private party. It was awesome! The band performed an acoustic variety of everyone's favorite songs, and Art even donated a Taylor Guitar signed by the band for our auction. What a guy!

Portland band, Sneakin' Out, also donated their time by opening for Everclear with funky and fun instrumental renditions of mixed covers using mandolin, bass and percussion. Everyone loved it! KATU anchor Natalie Marmion (a client of OCU at Indigo Ranch) hosted the event. In addition to the guitar Art donated to the auction, Portland Music donated an electric Ibanez Guitar, and Hotel Monaco and the Westin Portland donated stays in their hotels. We also had donations from Pat Hackett, author of *The Warhol Diaries*, Margulis Jewelers, Whole Foods, Higgins Restaurant, and Urban Fauna. NIKEiD donated lots of shoes and bags, Aaron Johanson and Andrea Lorimor donated portrait shoots. Check out our website, www.indigorescue.org for photos and footage from the event.

A heartfelt thank you to Everclear, Sneakin' Out, Natalie Marmion, and all of our auction donors and hard working volunteers. For caring about our work for the animals and giving us a great concert, YOU ALL ROCK!!

NEW! Websites, Logos, Brochures and T-Shirts

WITH THE HELP of Jona Titus, Ben Metzler and Julie Gray, we have created new websites for both Indigo Rescue and OCU at Indigo Ranch. Both are scheduled to go live in early November. We are very excited to hear what you think. Kyle Schenone designed fantastic new logos and T-Shirt designs for both Indigo and OCU.

We have also created a great new brochure to promote OCU at Indigo Ranch. It's very important that our community understand how much dogs enjoy spending time at our ranch without being in a concrete kennel run, but we really want people to know what makes us different from any other boarding or training business: **all of the profits fund our non-profit animal rescue!**

Plenty of brochures are available so please let us know if you would like to assist us in promoting our business by distributing them to places you frequent. We also have adorable new OCU at Indigo Ranch T-shirts and hip new Indigo Rescue T-shirts. Our T-shirts have great messages in support of animals and are available for purchase on our websites. Check 'em out!

- www.IndigoRescue.org •
- www.IndigoRanch.org •

Building Momentum

In addition to Elayne Boosler, we have three new board members who will each add value and new skills to help bring Indigo Rescue into the next phase of growth and accomplishment. We want to welcome **Matt Carty, Christy Caplan** and **Becky Kosanke** to our board.

With the transition of the new members on to our board, we also had a few members resign from the board to pursue their personal lives (and well-deserved retirements). We have valued each of their contributions and are happy to say that they have all decided to continue as volunteers for the organization. A heartfelt 'thank you' to **Susan Frost, Jennifer Savage** and **Carol Moore** for their time and dedication to our cause.

Please take a moment to visit the Board Member page on our new website for an introduction to the members of our board.

Thank You for your continued support of our efforts.

You—like our volunteers—make everything we're
doing for companion animals possible!

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones (two- and four-legged)
safe and well and that you enjoy this holiday season.

Many Holiday Wishes for Peace on Earth