

Letter from the President

Welcome to our 23rd Annual “Virtual” Auction. For the first time in 23 years we won’t be gathering together in a beautifully decorated room with hundreds of unique items for bid in our Silent and Live Auctions. We’ll miss the excitement and fun of meeting our wonderful adopters and friends again, seeing the photos and videos of your gorgeous adopted cockers, hearing about how smart and funny they are and how much you love them.

This is the highlight of our year and it’s so hard to have to cancel it but we are already planning next year’s auction and it will be a real Cocker-Palooza!

The auction benefits The Joey Fund.

The Joey Fund goes back to 1997 when we rescued a sweet, black cocker found wondering the city streets on a bitter cold December evening. He had a big tumor on his side and would need expensive, life-saving surgery. So we named him Joey and organized our first auction to raise the money for Joey’s surgery.

Since then, the Joey Fund has paid for almost every surgery imaginable plus visits to specialty vets and all kinds of medications for chronic conditions. JD’s broken leg was healed, Sarah was cured of heartworm disease and Pug had open-heart surgery to name a few of the Joey Fund success stories.

Meet Scooter – 2020 Joey Fund Poster Dog.

Scooter’s story is all too familiar. Nine year old Scooter was brought to a shelter – he had been severely neglected, he was dirty and matted but so very sweet. His biggest problem was his chronically infected ears which were now beyond just routine cleaning and medication. His ear canals were narrow and hardened, and medication could no longer get down into his badly infected ears – and he was in pain. But despite his misery, Scooter was one of the most gentle cockers we have ever rescued. He was an exceptionally empathetic and sensitive dog.

Scooter would need ear surgery but it was March 2020 and the COVID-19 virus had just hit and a lot of the veterinary hospitals had closed down. We were going to have to provide Scooter with palliative care for four months until his surgery could be scheduled.

During this time, a compassionate couple offered to foster Scooter and they gave him the daily care he needed to remain comfortable but Scooter sensed he could return their kindness. His foster Dad was ill and in a wheelchair. Scooter soon became his best buddy – where one was, so was the other – they became a comfort for each other. After a few months, Scooter’s foster Dad passed on. In July, Scooter finally received the expensive, skilled ear surgery he needed.

Scooter’s foster Mom adored him and she adopted this loving, gentle cocker. So now – Scooter had the best thing of all – a forever home!

We are proud to present Scooter as this year’s Joey Fund Poster Dog. Scooter represents all our other rescue cockers who needed specialized veterinary care this year in order to live pain-free, happy lives.

Is this veterinary care expensive? YES! Is it worth it? YES!

The Joey Fund not only saves lives, it restores quality of life to the needy cockers we rescue.

🐾 All of the proceeds from our virtual on-line auction will provide vet care to the neglected cockers who will need our help in the coming year but we can't do it without you! So as we say every year at the auction, "Bid high, bid often! Remember, there are no friends at an auction!"

See you next year!

Sincerely,

Gerry Foss, President

🐾 **How to find auction items**

On the menu at the top of our website click on "2020 Virtual Auction" and in the dropdown menu, click on "Auction Items".

🐾 **We can always use more auction items!**

If you can donate any item(s) to our auction, please email Jane Morgan at artonpark@aol.com. You can mail items to her, arrange for pick-up of your donations, or we can list your item(s) on ebay, have you mail them to the winner and you'll be reimbursed for your shipping cost.

🐾 **You can also be a "Friend of the Auction for the Joey Fund" with your donation.**

To make a monetary donation, please click on "Donate" in the menu at the top of our website.