

RAGS TO Riches

A Cairn's journey through Col. Potter Cairn Rescue Network is an amazing one. Some of our dogs come in profoundly physically or emotionally damaged. For most of the physically damaged dogs emotional damage is also present. Our foster homes take these waifs and transform them, usually via baby steps, into dogs who have found their inner Cairn and blossomed into amazing beings. This page shows you a very small sampling of the physically damaged, with before and after pictures. We are not including pictures of rescues who were terribly emotionally damaged and are now "living the life", as that is not a visual story. But their numbers are legion and their wounds, although invisible, are profound. *Thank you for supporting Col. Potter. There are Cairns in puppy mills, shelters and homes right now who will be saved within the next year because of your commitment. Thank you again. Please support our medically challenged dogs at: <http://www.TinyURL.com/45q9z7>*

Prior to becoming a CP dog, Ivan had no medical care for 18 months. Unable to absorb nutrients from his food he suffered from malnutrition and infected lesion covered skin. He made progress in his foster home, but an exacerbation left him near death. His foster mom loved him, but lives in a very rural area where specialty vet care is unavailable. Ivan was moved to a Medical Respite home experienced with medically fragile dogs and nearby specialty vet resources. He was finally diagnosed with autoimmune small bowel disease, pancreatic failure and dry eye. He had 3 vet visits



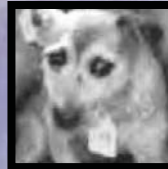
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Col. Potter was alerted to Magic by a rescue angel in KY. She heard of his plight and notified Col. Potter. It seems that magic had first been hit by the front wheels of a car and then was run over by the back wheels of the same car. He was in terrible shape. It was determined that his pelvis had suffered at least 4 separate breaks and that his back leg was very compromised. Surgery was in order. But, before surgery could be performed Magic had to become more medically stable. His liver, amongst many other things, was in too bad a shape to withstand the rigors of a prolonged surgery no less be able to rid his system of the anesthetic needed for that surgery. So we waited and hoped. And Magic lived up to his name. After what seemed like

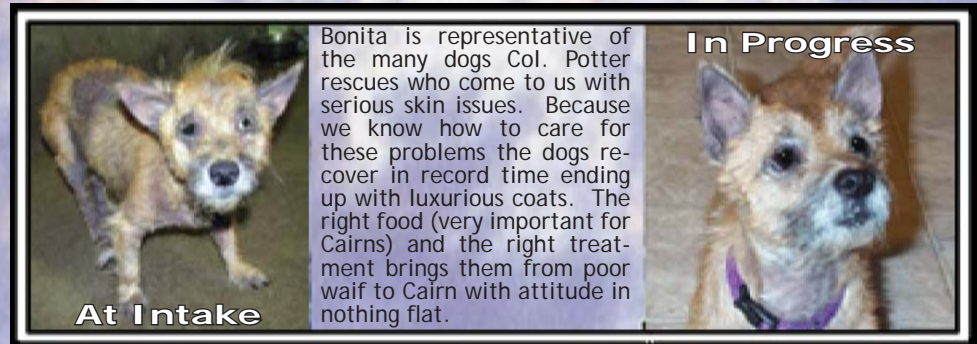
an interminable amount of time he was stable enough for surgery. The vet went in to first fix his back leg. It was determined though, after much examination and soul searching, that the nerves in his leg had suffered so much damage as to make even an orthopedically repaired leg virtually unusable. Since dogs with 3 legs seem to have no idea they are handicapped, the decision was made to amputate his leg. After that surgery was done the next job was to repair his pelvis. Finally Magic was able to have his second surgery and eventually go to his foster home. He began as a sorry looking thing but never lost his spirit and his will to survive. He had a wagging tail from almost day one and delights everyone who meets him. His recovery has been no more remarkable than Magic itself. Today Magic is in a forever home charming even more people. Please help us help other dogs like Magic by becoming a guardian angel at: <http://www.TinyURL.com/45q9z7>



TERRIFIED CAIRNS AT AUCTION



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Bonita is representative of the many dogs Col. Potter rescues who come to us with serious skin issues. Because we know how to care for these problems the dogs recover in record time ending up with luxurious coats. The right food (very important for Cairns) and the right treatment brings them from poor waif to Cairn with attitude in nothing flat.

In Progress

At Intake

When you are active with Col. Potter you see stories like Bonita's all the time. But you also see the stories of those pups that are so emotionally scarred that they forever may need to be in a very protective and structured environment. To see but one of those pups look for Hubbard in the foster section of this calendar. She will need a patient loving forever home who understands she was traumatized and is willing to work with her until she can find her inner Cairn.



Contralto arrived from a commercial breeding situation. She was very pregnant. She had eye infections, ear infections, was covered in scabs with skin infections, had worms, and her blood work showed her liver levels were way off. She was anemic. This poor girl was a medical mess, yet 24 hours after arriving she whelped 5 puppies, who all survived. She tended them without hesitation, even though she had to be totally miserable. Connie was fearful of people at first, but the more love and attention she received, the more she craved human affection. She was adopted to a wonderful forever home, where she is the center of her mom's life along with a cairn sister and brother. She enjoys a fenced yard, going for walks and sleeping in bed with her mom.