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## RESCUE SPOTLIGHT: Cairn Terrier Club of Denver

By Erin Bradford

**N**o man is an island, and in the world of rescue, no successful rescuer can succeed without a team of people to keep him or her afloat. Mary Lou Wilde, a key board member of the Cairn Terrier Club of Denver (an affiliate of the Cairn Terrier Club of America), is a woman who has been in the rescue game for over two decades, and she will be the first to tell you that she would never have made it this long without the support of a great group of volunteers.

Mary Lou got into the rescue world quite by accident in the early 90s; she had just purchased a new Cairn pup from her favorite breeder, who encouraged her to join the local Cairn club. She did, and, as Mary Lou says, “next, she asked me to take over the Colorado branch of the club, because it wasn’t being run well. I said ‘Well, I don’t know what I’m doing, but I’ll give it my best shot.’” Those words would shape Mary Lou’s life for the next 20 years.

Currently, the rescue branch of the club operates with five foster homes and places about 30 dogs per year. The club considers each dog individually and tries to take in any dog that needs help, whether it is from an individual, puppy mill, or shelter. The only deal-breaker for the club is if the dog has a history of biting adults; in that case, the club passes on accepting that dog into the rescue. As Mary Lou says, “When you take in a rescue dog, you have to ask yourself: ‘can we rehome this dog?’ And if you can’t, then what’s the point of taking it in?”

Thirty dogs placed in a year with only five foster homes is an impressive feat, and Mary Lou admits that finding homes for her dogs isn’t as challenging as for other rescues: “We are fortunate,”

she says, “there aren’t too many Cairns out there, they are a nice size, and they don’t shed. I realize they are much easier to place than other breeds.” Like all rescues, CTC loves to adopt to retired people who can devote a lot of time to their dogs, and CTC doesn’t adopt to homes with small children, because Cairns can get nippy when harassed. The club

also insists that any adopters have a fenced yard. Due to the Cairn’s tenacious hunting skills, they can become highly focused on chasing squirrels or other animals and can easily wander off on an adventure. This hunting instinct can be a problem in other aspects of family life, as well: “We are painfully honest with people as far as what the terriers are bred to do and what the results are because of that. Many terriers consider cats prey, so we do let people know that if they really love their cats, they might want to look for another breed. But if we know a dog has been raised with a cat, then that’s a different story.”

I tell her that most people would have burned out years ago. “You build up a lot of knowledge of how to deal with people and dogs over the years, and pay attention when some of their character comes through,” she responds. “I once had an older man call wanting to adopt. He talked for awhile about how well he had trained his old dog, but not once did I ever hear him say that he loved the dog or missed him. And I thought to myself ‘this man just does not deserve a dog.’ But, for the most part, I have found people to be very caring and honest – you know, you can fool a person, but you can’t fool

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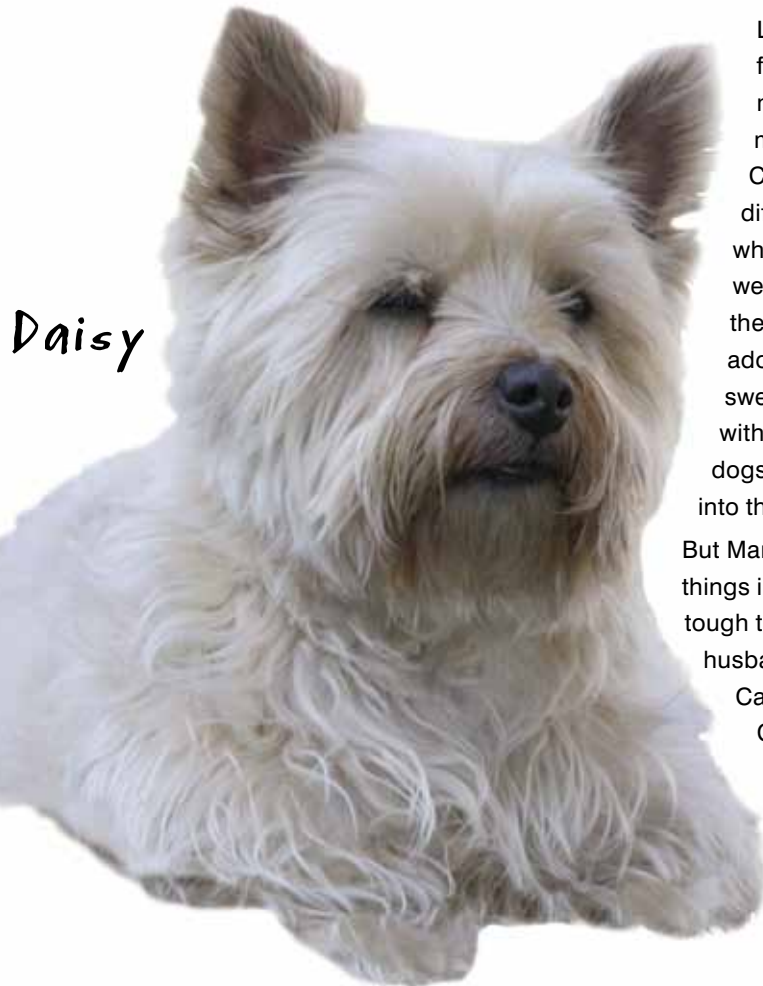
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a dog. Nine times out of ten, the calls I get from people who want the dogs are good, honest people. There are an awful lot of good people out there who are wonderful because they will take a dog who has baggage or issues and are willing to work on it.”

Owning breeding dogs while rescuing, as Mary Lou has done in the past, poses a problem due to the unsterilized dogs roaming around the house and mixing with the rescue dogs, but she keeps a special room in her house set aside to avoid any scuffles. On the flip side, Mary Lou has been lucky in that her years of breeding have yielded a great source of talent for the rescue; many people who have bought her puppies over the years have been drafted into the club. “When you have people like that who are so dedicated to the dogs’ welfare – we’ve all become very close, we support each other and help each other out.” A few times, the club has had to euthanize puppy mill rescue dogs who were not able to be rehabilitated, and that has been tough for everyone: “We support each other, and we cry together. It’s always easier to

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**– Mary Lou Wilde**




**Daisy**

have other people there, so we never make any decisions about the dogs lightly or alone.”

“Once, we took in a dog from a shelter who was a puppy mill rescue. He had been drop-kicked and we spent over \$1000 getting his hip fixed. He just never learned as a puppy that he wasn’t the alpha dog. After being returned, he attacked me as he was going after one of my other dogs. I ended up with quite severe bites in my hands and arms. Unfortunately, we had to put him down. It wasn’t his fault, he was just doing what he had always done. For a week, I walked around with tears running down my cheeks and my husband said, “Good grief, think of all the dogs you’ve saved!” Refocusing her attention on the happy endings has helped Mary Lou get through the difficult times.

Last year, she and her team took in a pregnant mixed-breed dog from the Aurora shelter (they called Mary Lou because she had so much experience with whelping). Mary Lou knew that bringing in a mixed breed would be an issue, as her own dogs can sniff out a non-Cairn in no time. The mother dog had seven pups (with at least three different fathers) and was herself a Heinz-57. Mary Lou kept the mom, whom she named Lady, on the opposite side of her house while she weaned her pups. After the pups were adopted at eight weeks (“while they were still cute!” as Mary Lou explains), Mary Lou’s neighbor adopted Lady and gave her a wonderful home. “Lady was one of the sweetest and most trusting dogs I have ever met.” Mary Lou still visits with her neighbor and Lady and is constantly reminded that rescue dogs, in whatever scruffy form they take, can offer us a welcome glimpse into the goodness of life.

But Mary Lou reminds me that having a team is the best tool for keeping things in perspective, as members can support each other during the tough times. Several people make up this tight-knit group, including Mary’s husband, Dick Wilde, and several other critical volunteers: Ann Brodie, Candie Trzos, Andrea Faucette, Linda Wilson, Ruth Cronin, and Harry Cornelius (tech guru). Additionally, Mary Lou has some occasional help from volunteers Thais Winstanley, Joyce Moore, Kathy Stabler, and Karen Kormos.

Mary Lou has some parting words of advice for others in rescue about building a strong support system: “Be gentle when volunteers make mistakes - they aren’t making a salary! You have someone in front of you with passion! Nurture it!” 



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## ABRN ANNUAL MEETING AND BRUNCH

By Sandy Moore, ABRN Board Member

This year's All Breed Rescue Network Annual Meeting and Brunch was held on Sunday October 16th at Chad's Grill in Lakewood. Approximately 45 ABRN members and their guests had the opportunity to hear an inspiring presentation by Kyla Duffy, the founder of Happy Tails Books, on the importance of volunteers. Kyla gave examples of ways to create volunteer opportunities in an organization through the use of web sites such as [Volunteermatch.org](http://Volunteermatch.org), and she also discussed the importance of communication and feedback through such things as volunteer surveys in order to enable volunteers to feel appreciated and heard. The presentation was only one of the many facets of Kyla's efforts in the dog rescue community. She also created a 501(c)3 non-profit organization called "[Up For Pups.org](http://UpForPups.org)" dedicated to the fight against animal abuse and cruelty. This organization focuses primarily on the horror of puppy mills and the rewards of rescue. Last but not least, on March 10, 2012, Kyla is performing in her unique presentation, "Don't Kill Bill," and invited our members to contact her in order to have their rescues involved in this "unforgettable experience for dog lovers." Many thanks to Susan Lummanick (ABRN Treasurer) who found the Chad's Grill venue for this year's meeting and for engaging Kyla Duffy to be our guest speaker. Brunch was delicious!

The annual meeting began directly after brunch and the guest speaker's presentation. Coincidentally, Karen Brown, President of All Breed Rescue Network, had focused her opening remarks on the importance of volunteers. Special thanks went to Susan Brown (retired newsletter editor), Diane Leshner (retired Board member), Martha Smith (immediate past president of ABRN), Tina Jordan (new hotline

coordinator), Jeanne Phipers (temporary newsletter editor), Sandy Moore (event coordinator), Karin Lang (list committee chairperson), Sally Gilman (membership chairperson) and Jacky Eckard (chair of the Nominating Committee). Jacky introduced a slate of three prospective new Board members and they were unanimously elected. The three new Board members are Betsy Midkiff, Kateri Nelson and Brent Wagner. In addition Rena Todd was ratified as a Board member to replace Diane Leshner. The All Breed Rescue Network Board of Directors is now a group of nine, and the members that attended the annual meeting all agreed that we are fortunate to have a group of dedicated individuals with such special qualifications that we can continue to further our mission of ending euthanasia of adoptable dogs in Colorado. 🐾



**ABRN Board of Directors at the meeting**

## PLUM CREEK'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN CLUSTER DOG SHOW

The 15th Annual Rocky Mountain Cluster Dog Show at the National Western Stock Show Complex is coming February 16 - 20, 2012. Sponsored by the Plum Creek Kennel Club (the largest AKC all breed Kennel Club in Colorado) in conjunction with the Colorado Kennel Club, it attracts the top dogs in the country. It is a four day event, where ABRN has an informational booth providing opportunities to learn about our rescue groups as well as opportunities to buy raffle tickets and win prizes valued at \$1,000. Agility trials, obedience competitions, conformation shows and vendors where you can shop, enhance this event. If you are an ABRN member, and would like to be involved at the ABRN booth, please e-mail [cynthiaamber@comcast.net](mailto:cynthiaamber@comcast.net) or call Sandy Moore at 303-751-6704. 🐾

**Great Dane Justice – one of last year's contenders at the Rocky Mountain Cluster Dog Show.**





## DACHTOBER FEST 2011

By Sandy Moore



**D**achtoberfest was Saturday, September 24th, and, as in previous years, it was held at the Julia deKoevend Park

in Centennial, CO. The park has plenty of space for the multitude of activities as well as for the multitudes of Doxies (and friends of Doxies) that share the fun with their owners. All proceeds this year went once again to All Breed Rescue Network and also to Ginger's Legacy.

The day was enhanced by German folk dancing, dog psychic readings, dog massage, opportunities to have a photo taken of your dog driving a mini-Mercedes Benz as well as a variety of human and dog edibles. Five dog rescue groups participated in the event. Colorado Pug Rescue, Japanese Chin Rescue, Rocky Mountain Yorkie Rescue, Westie Rescue Network and Wyoming Dachshund and Corgi Rescue all had booths, and will be the first ones considered when ABRN distributes the funds that the festival and festival creator, Maryalcyce Allery so generously donates to ABRN.

Next year, if you want your dog or your rescue group to participate in "Bobbing for Weiners" or the "Doxie Dash", you can pre-register online at the Dachtoberfest website, [www.coloradodachtoberfest.com](http://www.coloradodachtoberfest.com). If you are a member of ABRN and would like to have a booth at the festival, contact Karin Lang at [km2dog@aol.com](mailto:km2dog@aol.com), and she would love to find a space for you. 🐾

## ANNUAL COLORADO ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE

By Susan Lummanick, ABRN Board Member

Three ABRN Board members, Karin Lang, Martha Smith and Susan Lummanick traveled to Black Hawk in mid-October for the Colorado Animal Welfare Conference. The annual conference is jointly presented by the Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies (CFAWA), and the Colorado Association of Animal Control Officers (CAACO). A number of animal related companies help to underwrite the cost of the conference, helping to keep the cost of attendance low and providing door prizes.

Over a dozen different programs were presented during the day and a half conference, covering topics ranging from general management to subjects of interest to those involved in both shelter/rescue and animal control. The conference drew participants from all over Colorado from the Front Range to the Western Slope, and from shelters of all sizes, providing wonderful opportunities to meet and network with animal advocates from all over the state.

The presenters were people with "hands on" experience. Sherri Leggett, the Operations Director of the Rocky Mountain Alley Cat Alliance talked to shelter participants about how to set up their own Trap, Neuter, Release Program, including information about how an individual shelter can benefit from establishing such a program. At the same time, Debi Stevens, founder of the Prison Trained K9 Companion Program, talked to Animal Control participants about how the prison training program works to the benefit of the prison participants, the shelters, the dogs and the taxpayers.

Later in the conference, Diane Balkin, retired Chief Deputy District Attorney in the Denver District Attorney's Office, spoke to animal control participants about how to qualify and prepare as an expert witness in animal cruelty cases. Diane has served as the "animal crimes" prosecutor in the Denver DA's office where she had investigated and aggressively prosecuted animal cruelty cases. The animal control participants also heard about case management in animal hoarding cases from Dr. Patricia Norris, a New Mexico county veterinarian and Robyn Gojkovich, a New Mexico police officer and criminal investigator. Dr. Norris and Ms. Gojkovich have worked with A&E's TV show "Hoarders."

Each speaker left time after their presentation for lots of questions, and provided outlines with information from their presentation, and contact information for future use. 🐾

### TIDBITS FROM THE TRENCHES:

Need help with the tear staining around the eyes of a furry friend? Many have found that adding apple cider vinegar to drinking water (2 tbsp per gallon) and plain yogurt to food (1 - 2 tsp), can help in eliminating dark stains along with the daily wiping of the eyes with warm water.

# Denver Animal Shelter Opens Its Doors

By Brent Wagner, Liaison to DAS

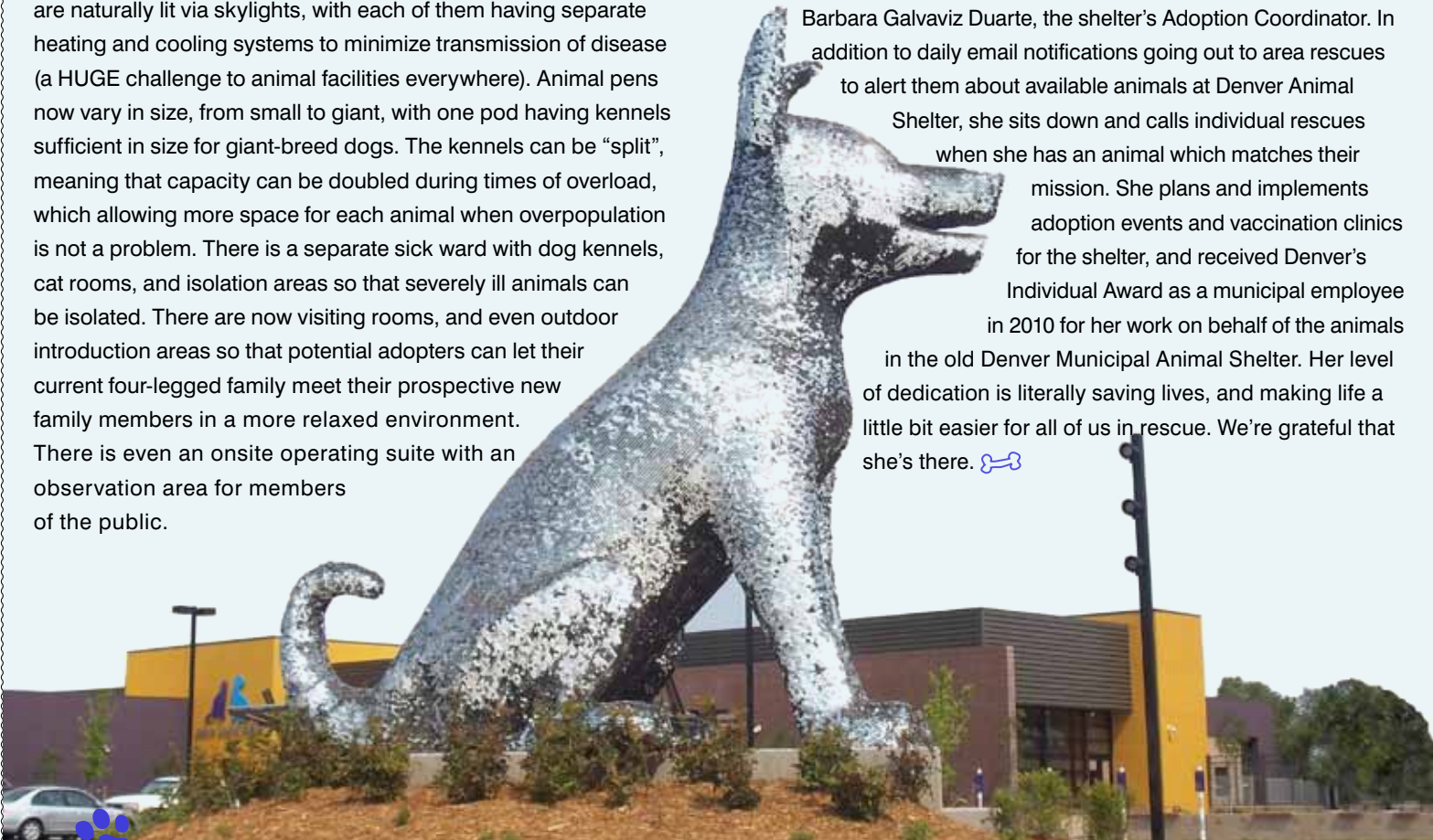
**O**n June 5 this past summer, Denver Municipal Animal Shelter on Jason Street closed its doors forever (creating palpable relief among many in the rescue community). The following Saturday, Denver Animal Shelter opened at 1241 West Bayaud Avenue. This was a change in geography of about a mile, but a change in approach and execution which can't be overstated. The new shelter was built using municipal bonds at a cost of nearly \$10.5 million, and they got their money's worth. The new facility is nearly 36,000 square feet, almost three times the size of the old DMAS facility. Heating is provided through radiant systems in the floor. Skylights provide natural light throughout the facility, resulting in a much more pleasant experience than you might expect from an animal shelter. The intention is for this facility to last for 50 years. However long it stands, it's a massive improvement for Denver's stray and abandoned animals.

The new building has moved away from the old shelter's single-room approach to holding areas for animals, and instead uses pods which are naturally lit via skylights, with each of them having separate heating and cooling systems to minimize transmission of disease (a HUGE challenge to animal facilities everywhere). Animal pens now vary in size, from small to giant, with one pod having kennels sufficient in size for giant-breed dogs. The kennels can be "split", meaning that capacity can be doubled during times of overload, which allowing more space for each animal when overpopulation is not a problem. There is a separate sick ward with dog kennels, cat rooms, and isolation areas so that severely ill animals can be isolated. There are now visiting rooms, and even outdoor introduction areas so that potential adopters can let their current four-legged family meet their prospective new family members in a more relaxed environment. There is even an onsite operating suite with an observation area for members of the public.



From a rescuer's perspective, the best part of the new shelter is someone that came over from the old Denver Municipal shelter:

Barbara Galvaviz Duarte, the shelter's Adoption Coordinator. In addition to daily email notifications going out to area rescues to alert them about available animals at Denver Animal Shelter, she sits down and calls individual rescues when she has an animal which matches their mission. She plans and implements adoption events and vaccination clinics for the shelter, and received Denver's Individual Award as a municipal employee in 2010 for her work on behalf of the animals in the old Denver Municipal Animal Shelter. Her level of dedication is literally saving lives, and making life a little bit easier for all of us in rescue. We're grateful that she's there. 🦴





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The mission of All Breed Rescue Network, Inc., is to provide a vehicle for the fostering and rehoming of abandoned purebred dogs, to assist in increasing the adoption of shelter dogs by promoting awareness and working with shelters, and to educate the community regarding responsible dog ownership including the spay/neuter of companion animals.

**ABRN Vision: *Ending euthanasia of adoptable dogs in Colorado.***

## Stay In Touch!

If you are interested in being on our rescue referral list or if you are on the list and have changes you need to make, please contact a member of the ABRN List Committee: Karin Lang, Coordinator, (970) 667-4314 or [Km2dog@aol.com](mailto:Km2dog@aol.com), Jenni McKernan, (303) 783-5772 or [colosheltierescue@prodigy.net](mailto:colosheltierescue@prodigy.net); or Bonnie Guzman, (303) 733-4220 or [bonefinder@comcast.net](mailto:bonefinder@comcast.net)

Would you like to feature a dog on ABRN's website? Contact Jenni McKernan at (303) 783-5772 or at [colosheltierescue@prodigy.net](mailto:colosheltierescue@prodigy.net) to highlight a rescue dog on the website. Please follow up with Jenni when that dog has been adopted. Let Jenni know if the dog would be suitable for an active lifestyle, and she can add the "Jog Dog" icon next to the dog.

If you have a temporary change, such as a vacation, please contact the hotline coordinator, Tina Jordan, 720-422-0468.

To find the appropriate rescue group to adopt or surrender a purebred dog, first check our website, [www.allbreedrescuenetwork.com](http://www.allbreedrescuenetwork.com). If the information is not found there, call our hotline, (303) 989-7808.

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Kateri Nelson, 303-507-8234

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**Denver Municipal Animal Shelter** (Denver, CO)  
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♦ *Note: If unable to contact a shelter liaison or if there is none, please contact a board member.*

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