

## 2016 See Spot Smile newsletter:

Whoa it has been way too long since we've done this. Sadly lots of dogs of ours have gone to rainbow bridge due to age related issues since our last newsletter. So rescue has been quiet! And that's a good thing! No much coming in or many calls. Mostly calls of people wanting to adopt, which is great! I can only hope this for all rescues... more people wanting than giving up on pets. Less homeless and more on waiting lists, empty shelters! That is our dream! Getting over the loss of our friends is heartbreaking, but we brush off the tears eventually (after a healthy grieving period) and do it all over again because if we don't who will? Like the poem that inspired me many years ago... (I don't even remember who gave it to me now, or who the author is).

*“Saving one dog at a time”*

*I looked at the caged animals in the shelter...  
the cast offs of human society.*

*I saw their eyes - love and hope, fear and dread,  
sadness and betrayal.  
And I was angry.*

*“God” I said “This is terrible! Why don't you do something?”  
God was silent for a moment and then he spoke softly...  
“I have done something” He replied...  
“I created YOU”*

This poem always spoke to me, I hope it speaks to everyone. We can all do something... one dog at a time.

On the lighter side... my latest rescue is doing great! He has come so far, gradually getting over his fears. So I have a little to share as to how proud I am of this little guy. He's accumulated a few titles!

2014: CGN, AIOC RN, CKC RN.

2015: AIOC PCD, CKC RI, CKC RA, and we received a certificate from the CKC saying we won first for a Dalmatian in Canada with the highest points awarded in Rally Obedience!

2016: AIOC CD, (and hopefully more to come...)

We are having so much fun! Hoping for our CKC CD, and Rally Excellent title this year. We are still playing with some agility for some confidence, training for our Tracking Dog Title and going to try some Barn Hunt this summer! We'll keep you posted. Kind of embarrassing when your dog has more titles than you.

Always, Jennifer Winder - President SSSDR

