



# DOLLY'S TRIBUTE

**“Clumbers in Need” a Clumber Spaniel Rescue**

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## AN AMERICAN CLUMBER NAMED DUDLEY

Dudley was my very first rescue and this is his story. Dudley is an American Clumber that wasn't living in a puppy mill, owned by the Amish or by a backyard breeder but none the less he was a rescue.



Dudley was bought to be a show dog but either he didn't have what it took or his owner somewhere along the way changed his mind.

The first time I saw him it was love at first sight. Looking back now at the pictures, it had to have been for he looked awful and weighed only 49 pounds.

My daughter Krystal went with me to pick him up and she agreed



to drive home so we could “bond”. Needless to say I almost

rubbed what little hair he had, off, as he had been completely shaven.

I knew nothing about his background and I didn't care. Dudley had been living in a kennel where he lived for the first five years of

his life. As I mentioned earlier he was bought to be a show dog but when that idea didn't pan out, he was all but forgotten. He would still be there had it not been for a lovely lady who worked at the kennel. She talked his owner into letting her find him a home.

Dudley came to me not knowing much of anything as he'd been locked up his entire life living on concrete. He didn't know what grass was and was actually afraid of it. He had no idea what dogs are supposed to do, not do, etc. I had him for a day and he walked out of a two story window and broke his hind leg. It never occurred to me that he wouldn't know about heights. He saw me outside in the yard beneath the window and walked right out as if he could fly. There was nothing I could do but stare in horror.

It was a weekend as it seems that is when all catastrophes occur so we took him to the emergency animal hospital and once they x-rayed his leg, it was determined they could not repair it. They sent us home to wait until Monday, this was Friday.

First thing Monday morning we were at my vet's office waiting

for them to open. Dr. Elledge took a look at the x-ray and said he could repair the break. Surgery was scheduled and plates and pins were put in.

Dudley and I spent many nights sleeping in the bathroom floor together, he needed me and I wanted him to know I was there for him. He and I grew closer each day and now he is my shadow and never gets too far away from me and even when we are outside, he checks often to see where I am. He has been with me for almost three years now and he is still learning “dog” things.

Roofus, a Clumber friend has taught him what water is for besides just drinking and Dudley enjoys the creek and pond as much as all the others.

Dottie another Clumber friend has taught him how to “play” and he can even do the Clumber wiggle dance as well as any Clumber I've seen.

His favorite thing is to snuggle in my lap and I must say it is a favorite of mine as well.

Dudley came with a broken spirit, was skin and bones and hardly had any hair; he has gone from being an ugly duckling to a beautiful swan. It took several surgeries to repair his leg but now Dudley is healthy, handsome and happy.

Dudley stole my heart and my

love and admiration for the breed grew by leaps and bounds and he was the reason I decided to do Clumber Spaniel rescue. His wasn't a horrible story but unfortunately for him, he was forgotten and shoved aside without any regard for his well being.

Some people say that you can't make up for lost time or for mistakes made but for Dudley this has not been true. Once he was given a real home and



became part of a family, he grew into the Clumber he was meant to be. Now Dudley will never be forgotten as he will live out the rest of his life with people who love and appreciate him sharing his life with other Clumber angels.

And of all the many things he had to learn, when he wants to go outside, he now takes the stairs, rather than the window.

It is now Dudley's turn to live and be loved.





## A SPECIAL RESCUE NAMED ANDY

In the first issue I shared the story of a very special rescue named Dolly and introduced you to her orphans. In this issue I felt it only fitting that I introduce another special rescue, the Dollykin's dad, Andy Z Calberku.



Andy was born in the Czech republic to a wonderful breeder who loved him and his siblings very much. She asked all the right questions and took great care when placing him but unfortunately the person who bought Andy was not what she seemed and sold him to the US where he spent several years living in an Amish puppy mill.

Andy was one of four that came in with Dolly in June of 2007. He and Dolly along with her sister Suzy and the Swedish clumber Spicy, spent most of their lives together, living for the sole purpose of producing puppies.

I have found in dealing with rescues from puppy mills or backyard breeders, the males come in starving for affection as they get the least attention. Andy was no exception to this rule. He seemed a lot older than his six years and the creases in his face showed a life that had been unkind. His eyes were like so many rescues, showing the telltale signs and were absent of the sparkle seen in a happy Clumber Spaniel.

My heart never gets used to the broken spirits or the worn out looks they carry and Andy carried a heavy burden.

After many long walks, talks, and lots of one on one time, Andy began to trust me. To my delight he would "hug" me with his paws when he wanted to be petted or wanted my attention.

His way of greeting me was to take my arm or hand in his mouth. Even though I could tell Andy was coming around, he was guarded and unsure of my intentions. Andy's heart was mending slowly but it still had a long way to go.

As the weeks turned into months it was obvious that Andy had seen a lot of sadness but even with the heartache, he yearned for love and affection.

Andy enjoyed the little things the most such as being brushed or even bathed. He would soak up the attention like a sponge and would let me brush him or pet him for hours. I will never forget the day I gave him a "bed" to sleep on; he was obviously overjoyed and couldn't wait to get on it. Since that day, he's never slept on a hard surface again!

I realized that he was the happiest when spending time with me and when it was time to put him back in his crate, his whole demeanor would change.

After careful consideration, I decided to start leaving him out with my personal Clumbers to see how he would do. Amazingly enough, he seemed to fit right in as if they had always been together.

My concern was whether or not he and Dudley would get along but I shouldn't have worried as they got along beautifully. In December of 2007, I made the decision to adopt Andy myself so he would never again have to be uprooted and made a promise to his breeder that I would love and cherish him for the rest of his days. I knew that anyone who adopted Andy would love him as he is very easy to love but I felt in my heart that he had found his "home" and had

given me his heart.

Also, after the Dollykins lost their mom Dolly, I wanted Dozer, Worthy, Freedom Grace, and Karma to have the chance to grow up with their dad.

More importantly, Andy had chosen to trust and love again and I wasn't about to take any chances and break his spirit. I made a promise to Andy that I would keep him safe and give



him the life he missed out on. I made a promise to Dolly that I couldn't keep but I knew I could keep the promise to Andy and would gladly do so.

Now, Andy meets me at the door "snorting" as he does the Clumber wiggle and I know in my heart I made the right decision.

Andy is proof that time can heal all wounds when given a chance. My heart swells with pride when I look into his eyes and see the twinkle is back and the "hardships" he came in with, have faded away.



**Dolly, Dozer, Karma, Worthy, Freedom Grace, Andy**



## FREEDOM GRACE (One of the Dollykins)

**A Reading through Carole Dennis a Pet Communicator ([www.voicesfortheanimals.com](http://www.voicesfortheanimals.com))**

I introduced myself to Freedom Grace and I felt a psychic sniff. I asked her if it would be okay to talk with her for a while and she said of course it would and gave a little giggle. She has a very gentle energy and seems more thoughtful than stoic.

What are you doing Gracie? **It's a busy time, other dogs are getting attention right now.**

Freedom Grace, how do you want your life at McLendon Land to be? **I like things to be soft and gentle and I want to be here forever (I told her she would be). Mommy (Dolly) left me here to be an angel and help take care of things. It is my role.**

How will you do that? **I calm the space with my vibration. I have my own place here and I'm not always the center of attention. I am quiet and calm. I have places I like to sit and watch and I keep those areas clear from chaos. I am Mommy's little Munchkin. I touch her heart in a special way. She stops to melt sometimes when she sees me. I wag and show happiness.**

Do you like having all the dogs around? **Why wouldn't they be? All their scents are familiar even if I don't see them. I kind of know where they are. I don't get to play with some of them.**

Are you happy and fulfilled? **Sometimes I worry. Mixed emotions here. Everybody is working through things. We are a big family with lots going on. I wonder about this.** (Gracie picks up on emotions of others and perhaps that is why she sends the vibration that she does. It's a big job!

Are you happy? **I am filled with all kinds of love (meaning from others) Very**



Are you fulfilled? **I know no other life. Every day is new and brings something special. Sometimes mail and there is excitement, sometimes outside changes (weather) and there is wash day and herding (not sure what this means). We are busy being one. One happy family.**

Who is your favorite sibling? **Worthy and Karma (I see two small ones; both pulling on the same toy, puppy growls, barks and play. Kind of like watching little bear cubs, soft play. They are together a lot.**

Is there anything else you'd like to share? **She likes to sit close and finds comfort in this. Kim does not always have time to rest. We love her. It's best when she smells us. I like her voice. Her feet are always quick, always going somewhere. We like to hear her talking and she's always talking to us. We all strain to hear and are eager for our turn. It's the best part of the day. I hope I am good. Sometimes I have to pee. I love play-time in the sun and ball chase.**

To Kim: **Tell her my heart is not heavy, but I feel hers. She (Kim) does not worry because she don't have time to worry but there are demands and sometimes questions of how I understand this.**

### CIN WEB SITE

I am pleased to announce that the website for Clumbers in Need is up and running. I owe a big "thank you" to Kris Woodington for designing it. She put in many hours making sure it was perfect and that the website was a reflection of my love for the Clumbers we rescue.

I hope you will visit the web site as words cannot express just how wonderful it is. When Kris asked me if she could design a web site for me, I really didn't have any idea how pleased I would be with it. Kris took the information, the stories, and the pictures I provided her with, and worked her magic. She is due all the credit and I was completely blown away by her creation!

I hope you enjoy reading each of the stories about the rescues and I hope they touch your hearts and souls like they have ours. The stories of the rescues are the true testimony of what love and devotion can do.

There is also a photo album for each of the Clumbers so please take a few minutes to see how far they've come.



[www.clumbersinneed.com](http://www.clumbersinneed.com)



## CLUMBERS IN NEED

### Clumber Spaniel Rescue



Our Mission is to search for and place less fortunate Clumber Spaniels in the homes they deserve. Our intent is focus solely on what is best for the Clumbers and be their voice and speak loudly for them.

Our Mission is to rescue Clumbers from millers/backyard breeders or similar situations including purchasing (yes, we pay for them) Clumbers when necessary to get them out of bad situations and give them an opportunity to live in a healthier, happier, and loving environment. We want to give the Clumbers that are getting the bad end of the deal, a chance regardless of their unlucky beginnings.

Clumbers in Need is a private rescue group operated by me (Kim Smith McLendon) with help from my husband and children as well as many members of the "Clumbers in Need" rescue group.

As a general policy, Clumbers in Need does not take owner surrenders and if contacted about an owner surrender, the owners will be referred to the Clumber Spaniel Club of America (CSCA) rescue. Clumbers in Need does not pull from shelters and again will recommend that CSCA rescue be contacted.

As a private rescue, I determine which dogs Clumbers in Need will attempt to rescue. I do what I do for the Clumbers as a personal choice and am committed to those I rescue and those needing rescued.

Join the "Clumbers in Need" yahoo online chat group  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ClumbersinNeed>

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- All the wonderful people who are sponsoring a rescue, a personal clumber or a non-clumber
- Dr Roe Froman for sharing her Clumber expertise with so many of us
- All the wonderful people who bought a Clumbers in Need calendar

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first calendar for Clumbers in Need is available at our online store. The calendar features Clumber Spaniels rescued by Clumbers in Need.

All proceeds will go to Clumbers in Need.

Even if you aren't interested in purchasing a calendar, please take a minute to see what "giving a chance" made for twelve beautiful Clumbers.

To purchase the calendar and/or other Clumber items, shop our online store at:

[www.cafepress.com/clumbersinneed](http://www.cafepress.com/clumbersinneed)

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