

SecondChance new *Fall 2011*

Tyson's STORY By Wendy Campbell



Tyson's owners had purchased him from what they thought was a reputable Doberman breeder. He seemed like a normal healthy puppy at first, but they noticed his legs started to bow as he got older, and it was obvious to his family that he was in pain. A visit to the vet determined that he had severe orthopedic problems in both front legs. Tyson's growth plate and bones were damaged and both legs were growing in crooked. As a result, he would not be able to walk or run like a normal dog.

In May of 2010, with help from Special Needs Dobermans, Tyson underwent surgery to remove a section of the ulna bone on both legs. It was hoped that the legs would straighten while Tyson continued to grow and any future joint and mobility issues would be avoided. Although the surgery showed improvement in the beginning, it became obvious in the following months that Tyson's problems were not solved. His legs were still crooked, perhaps more than pre-surgery. New x-rays showed he would need two more surgeries. Without the surgery, Tyson would always live in pain.

The last thing a family ever wants to do is give up on their family pet.

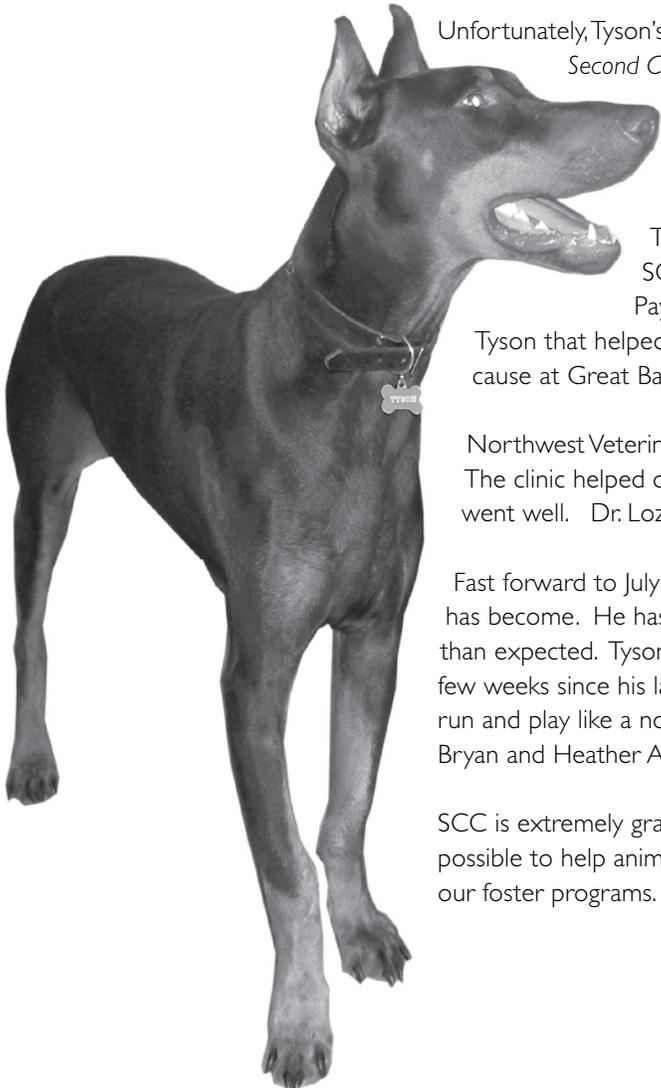
Unfortunately, Tyson's owners could not afford the additional surgeries. They contacted *Second Chance Companions (SCC)* to give him the chance to have the surgery that he desperately needed. SCC wanted to help the 1-year old dog have a normal life, so we decided to take Tyson into foster care and did an extensive amount of fundraising to pay for the surgery.

Tyson's surgery was made possible with the generous donations given to SCC by the community, including a little boy who donated a dollar through PayPal. PETCO in Hazel Dell did a month long fundraising campaign for Tyson that helped with the bulk of the expense. Many supporters also donated to his cause at Great Balls of Fur.

Northwest Veterinary Specialists in Clackamas Oregon were also huge supporters of Tyson. The clinic helped donate to his cause by offering surgery services at cost and Tyson's surgeries went well. Dr. Lozier and his team did a wonderful job!

Fast forward to July 2011 – Tyson's story has a happy ending. What a fine looking dog Tyson has become. He has had his second leg repaired and even had his cast removed weeks earlier than expected. Tyson is still all puppy and wants to romp with other dogs. It has only been a few weeks since his last surgery so he still can't do that yet, but it will be a joy to watch Tyson run and play like a normal dog as he gets older. Best of all, he decided to adopt his foster family, Bryan and Heather Andrews, as his forever home.

SCC is extremely grateful for the extra fundraising efforts and donated services that make it possible to help animals with special needs in excess of the general medical care budgeted for our foster programs. Without this funding, we would have never been able to help Tyson.



Accomplishments for 2010

Letter from the President

Thank You to the SCC volunteers for another great year of accomplishments in 2010!

Spay/Neuter Program: Through the efforts of the Spay/Neuter Program and the help of our wonderful vets, we were able to reach out to the community to provide low-cost spay/neuter options for the owners of 700 animals. This was a record-breaking number for us. SCC was able to make a difference with each one of those animals in order to keep them from producing another litter.

Foster Program: We were able to take over 300 animals into foster care and find new homes for them. Fostering for SCC includes taking care of the animal's medical needs and giving them an abundance of love, and provides the foster volunteers the opportunity to make sure that each animal has a new home that can be their forever home.

AniMeals Program: SCC was able to provide 55,000 lbs of food to the community last year. Each week the AniMeals team distributed 1,000 lbs of food to local food banks and the Meals-on-Wheels program, insuring that low-income residents could be able to feed their animals.

Our volunteers were able reach these milestones by working together with the single goal of helping the animals one by one. The dedication of these volunteers that work so hard makes SCC a wonderful group to volunteer with and definitely an asset to the community.

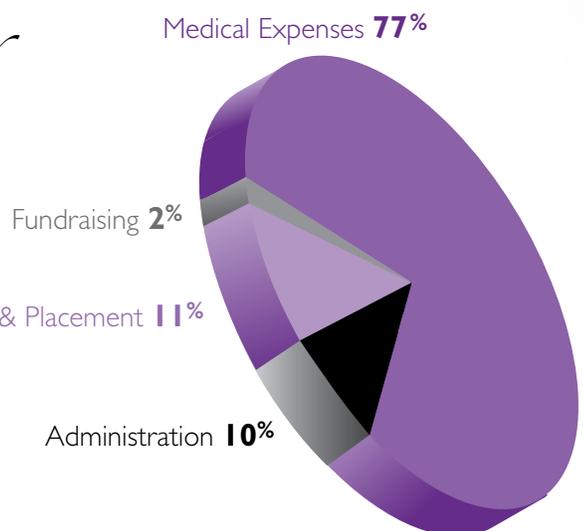


Expenses for 2010

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Since Second Chance Companions is a community-funded organization, it is important to note that your donations are used to directly benefit the animals.

SCC is comprised of unpaid volunteers who work with the community on finding new homes for animals, helping with spay and neuter resources and providing pet food for low-income residents. Animals brought into foster care are housed in volunteer homes. SCC does not have any offices and thus does not incur expenses for building or maintenance fees.



Second Chance Companions Spay Neuter Program

What is SCC's Spay/Neuter Program?

Spaying and neutering is the single, most effective way to reduce the heartbreaking number of pets that are euthanized on a daily basis nationwide.

The Second Chance Companions' Spay/Neuter Program is a resource to help control pet overpopulation in the Clark County area by offering low cost spay/neuter services.

Who can participate?

Anyone with an unaltered animal can participate.

What do I have to do?

All you have to do is send the Spay/Neuter Application form and donation to our PO Box. Application form can be found online at www.sccpets.com or call (360) 687-4569

Does it cost any money?

Yes, to participate, you need to send in money for each animal that you need to have fixed.

- \$20 for each male cat
- \$25 for each female cat
- \$40 for each male dog
- \$50 for each female dog

We will cover the rest of the vet's costs.

Why is the cost so low?

SCC has received funding from the ASPCA, PETCO Foundation and Clark County Animal Control to help cover the costs of spay/neuter for animals in the community.

What animals can participate in this program?

Dogs and cats can participate in this program.

Is there a limit to how many animals I can do?

No, there is no limitation on the number of animals that you can spay or neuter. The more animals that we have fixed, the fewer number of unwanted animals there will be in Clark County.

Does this include anything else other than spay/neuter?

SCC's Low Cost Spay/Neuter program only covers the cost of having the animal altered.

Can I use my own vet?

No, not all vets participate in this program. We work with wonderful vets in the area that provide us quality service.



For more info on SCC's Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program, please check us out online at www.sccpets.com or call 360-687-4569.

2011 Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 17 (6 - 10 PM)

Great Balls of Fur Benefit Dinner and Auction – Heathman Lodge

Our Emcee this year is Valerie Hurst, Reporter/Anchor KATUTV Channel 2, Auctioneer, Gary McLaren and Musician: Soulbake.

OCTOBER 2 (3 - 8 PM)

Pizza Italiana Fundraiser – 5000 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. #A106, Vancouver

Specializing in Greek and Italian Cuisine. Enjoy a meal, mention SCC and raise money for the animals in our community.

(See ad below)

OCTOBER 22 (10 AM - 3 PM)

DogPaw's Dogtoberfest – Ross Off Leash Dog Recreation Area

Come and join the fun. All proceeds benefit local Dog Parks and AniMeals will be collecting pet food donations.

NOVEMBER 6 (9 AM - 3 PM)

AniMeals Christmas Bazaar – Cascade Park Animal Hospital

Get ready for the holidays early. You will find great deals on a huge selection of decor and gifts.

NOVEMBER 11, 12, 13

PetSmart Adoptathon

Come see us at the PetSmart in Vancouver Plaza, where we will have lots of cats and dogs that need loving homes.

PetSmart offers some coupons and incentives for Special Adopters.

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Give this ad to your waitress:

Please Join Us
for a Second Chance Companions (SCC) fundraiser

Sunday
October 2, 2011
3:00 - 8:00 PM

Pizza Italiana

5000 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. #A106, Vancouver

Specializing in Greek and Italian Cuisine. Our hand-tossed, stone-baked pizza is delicious!

Enjoy a meal and bring this ad to help raise money for the animals in your community.

SCC will receive a portion of the proceeds from your purchases on
Sunday, October 2, 2011 between 3:00 - 8:00 PM.

Dine-in or take-out orders apply.

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For more information on upcoming events, please go to www.sccpets.com and click on "events" for details.

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by Bryan & Shelly Walker

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Murphy

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Maia and Mark Donnelly's kitty

by Michael & Ann Donnelly

Thomas Nomeland by Sharon Pevey

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Volunteer Kudos

Peggy Toolis

Peggy Toolis has been a SCC volunteer since 2004. She was first trained as a phone counselor, but decided that wasn't for her. About that time, the pros and cons of taking on the AniMeals Program were being debated and Peggy took the lead to get it started.

Peggy has also fostered numerous cats and kittens, sometimes under the supervisions of Parker (originally a SCC foster dog), now her frequent companion and SCC mascot.

In addition to working full time, Peggy helps at adoption events, fundraisers and other functions.

Thank you for all you do Peggy! 

Bryan and Heather Andrews

It was over a year ago that a wonderful couple came into PETCO to volunteer with Second Chance Companions. They jumped in with both feet by offering to foster Tyson, (the special needs dog featured on the cover page). Bryan and Heather made the posters for Tyson and placed ads all over the place to spread the word about Tyson and the funds that were needed for his surgery. Bryan and Heather were able to get Tyson to all of his appointments and followed the doctors' orders to a "T". After a year of fundraising and doctor appointments, there was an obvious love match between Tyson and the Andrews. Tyson had found his forever home.

Bryan and Heather, we know Tyson appreciates everything that you have done for him! 

LaVerne Locey

After spending 8 hours a day, 5 days a week on the phone at work, LaVerne Locey goes home to more calls and emails.

When she joined SCC in 2009, LaVerne trained to help clean cages at PetSmart. Last year, she took on the additional responsibility of being the E-mail and Phone Coordinator. After taking placement and adoption calls off the SCC phone line and emails off the website, she dispatches them to other volunteers. Many times she processes them herself. LaVerne also still finds time to help with other events, many times bringing along Jake, her big black dog.

Thank you LaVerne – because of your hard work, many more animals can find forever loving homes. 

Happy Tails

Princess

To my friends at SCC, I'm writing to let you know that I made it to my new home in Spokane. It was a long ride, but I slept most of the way. My new family is really nice. There is also a dog named Sabrina. She is nice and we get along fine.



My name has been changed to "Princess" because my new mom and dad think I act more like a princess than a cube of sugar.

I can go anywhere in the house that I want. It is really nice here and I can sleep on the bed.

I want to thank you for finding me the perfect family and I will do my best to make them happy they adopted me.

Love, Princess (formerly Sugar Glider)

Owen

Dear SCC,

I just wanted to send you a little note to let you know how well I'm doing with my new mom and dad.

Everyone loves me here and I'm very happy. Fudge is okay, but he's old, so he doesn't play with me too much. We get along well, though. BooBoo and I have become good friends – we play and chase each other all over the house! We watch birds together too. Mom and dad had to change the doorknob on the laundry room door because BooBoo wanted to see what was in there and I figured out how to open the horizontal doorknob. It was fun!

At night, I snuggle between mom and dad in their bed. They were very touched that I like to do that, because their cat, Piggy used to do it (and they still miss her). They tell me I'm a very special and wonderful boy. I play peek-a-boo with them too.



Mom and dad said to tell you "thank you" for letting me come and live with them, because I give them so much joy. Thank you for taking such good care of me and raising me to be a very good kitty.

Love, Owen

Cooper

Dear SCC,

We're sending a small donation in memory of our dog Cooper who died last month, just short of his 11th birthday, as a result of sarcoma cancer. Cooper was adopted from your organization seven years ago at the age of four. He had been kept inside for his entire life and had never been allowed to socialize or play with people or other dogs. As a result, he was very shy and nervous when we first brought him to a new home and allowed him outside. He spent lots of time sitting in the corner.

However, with a little work and a lot of love, Cooper became quite outgoing and friendly. He was always a little shy, but he really came to enjoy life. Cooper turned out to be a wonderful companion to us and a great friend to our now 10-year old Golden Retriever. We are grateful to have had the chance to share his life and we thank you for giving him and the other animals that second chance at a happy life.

While there are many worthy animal rescue groups in the Seattle area, we wanted to honor Cooper's memory by supporting the organization and people who actually rescued Cooper and gave us the chance to make him part of our family. We miss him every day and will remember him always. Thank you.



Sincerely, Carol and Dave

Gracie

Dear SCC,

Thank you so very much for matching our family to Gracie. We have been blessed with so many smiles, laughs and love since Gracie came to live with us. The time you give, the care you provide and the souls you mend each time you find a home for an animal or possibly more importantly a companion for a family will NEVER go unnoticed or unappreciated. You are all doing wonderful work for those that can't speak but show you everyday how much love they want to give. My wish for you is that every placement is as wonderful as ours has been.

Many blessings, Kim



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Battle Ground	360-342-5100
Camas/Washougal	360-335-0432
Clark County	360-397-2488
La Center	360-263-2745
Ridgefield	360-887-3556
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Columbia River Veterinary Specialists	360-694-3007
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SCC's Mission

Founded in 1993, Second Chance Companions is a 501(c) 3 non-profit pet organization dedicated to helping animals in SW Washington and the Portland Metro area.

We are a humane, no-kill organization staffed entirely by dedicated volunteers. Although we do not run an independent shelter, we feed, care for, adopt out, and spay & neuter as many animals as possible.

In addition, we educate the community and are always seeking volunteers and resources that help us to accomplish our mission.