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BREC powers passion

Member finds homes for dogs

DREAMWEAVER FARMS HOUSES ON average 150 dogs a week. The farm is home to Carolina Poodle Rescue, a 501(C)3 organization committed to rescuing, rehabilitating and, when the rescue is able, re-homing dogs—some small and some sofa-sized.

Carolina Poodle Rescue, or CPR, was started almost 20 years ago when BREC member, Donna Ezell, adopted a small, white fluffy dog from a shelter. Seeing how many of these types of dogs are in shelters, she found people to adopt them. A few short years later, she got her first standard poodle and the world as she knew it changed.

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The rescue complex itself is part field and part cobbled-together buildings which house love on four paws. The buildings, or “cottages” as they are called, are the domiciles of pups based on size, temperament and energy levels, and are cared for by individuals able to tell you more than a few things about each one. These caregivers feed them, give them medications if needed, play with them and they miss them when dogs go on to find forever homes.



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Beatrice the poodle will soon be on her way to a new home.

The cadre of folks working at CPR make it more than a shelter; it’s a place where serious matchmaking takes place. CPR and Ezell are so good at finding matches, very few dogs are returned.

“We get to know the dogs and the people applying and we put them together,” says Ezell of how she views her work. “The dogs know right away who is going to be their new owner, but the owners don’t always know right off,” she explains. “In the end, they always go home with the one we initially picked for them.”

If you’re looking to adopt a pet or new family member, you best bring your “A” game. Demand is high and the adoptions stringent. In fact, a recent stray poodle, “Fred,” had over 700 applications.

“Our adoptions are not a financial transaction; we really investigate everything for the good of the owner and the dog. The application and interviews are tough,” Ezell says.

Dreamweaver Farms, whose power is supplied by BREC, has re-homed approximately 6,000 poodles and other breeds since opening in 2006. On a good week, they help 10 fortunate humans to find new family members and they can help you, too. If you’re looking to find a new love for your life or you just want to donate to a good cause, CPR can be found at carolinapoodlerescue.org.