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## Cupcake and Pearl the Windsor trash puppies guests of Honor at Linnea walk

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Cupcake and Pearl, the Windsor trash can puppies, were the honored guests at the 2010 Linnea Memorial Pet Walk and Adopt-a-thon held June 5, at Spring Canyon Community Park in Fort Collins. The mission of the Linnea Memorial Foundation is to honor the memory of animal advocate Linnea Dick, who lost her life in 2008, by continuing her work of supporting the welfare of needy animals in Colorado. The goal of the Pet walk and adopt-a-thon is to raise funds for and create awareness about animals in need, find animals permanent homes, and bring the community together for a fun, outdoor, family activity. The event featured over 40 animal rescues, welfare, and educational vendors. The funds are distributed among local animal welfare agencies.

Two newborn puppies were found April 20th of 2009 in a can covered by trash, and left to die. They were rescued by 3 good Samaritans that heard their cries, called authorities, acquired medical treatment, and subsequently given to a rescue for fostering and adoption. These puppies were given the names Cupcake and Pearl by the young boy who rescued them. The adoptive family has not changed their names. Each name perfectly reflects their individual personalities; they also wanted to honor the young boy and the other individuals that rescued and assisted them on their journey.

Cupcake and Pearl led the procession of 350 walkers and their dogs on the 1.5 mile walk honoring the memory of Linnea Dick. They also led the participants entered in the Chihuahua races. Cupcake won the honor of crossing the finish line before her sister Pearl. Cupcake and Pearl earned their awards and ribbons, but the family is rewarded everyday for not hesitating to adopt them together. This family truly made a difference.

These two dogs exemplify the work of the Linnea Memorial Foundation. Cupcake and Pearl have a fairy tale ending thanks to the compassion and commitment of the Windsor community and its surrounding neighbors. They are healthy, have a canine sister named Sheba, and the greatest family. Getting involved does make a difference!

To learn more about the Linnea Memorial Foundation, Inc., go to [www.LinneaMemorial.org](http://www.LinneaMemorial.org)

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