

DOGGY DIGEST

RESCUING, REHABILITATING, AND REHOMING DOGS SINCE 1997



**THE NEED
IS NOW.**



Marco

Looking for his forever home.



Summer 2023

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Happy Summer, Friends!

Once again, we're in the middle of the dog days of summer at Straydog, where we work hard to keep the dogs and staff safe and hydrated during the brutal Texas heat. Some of the safety measures that we take are to give our dogs kiddie pools to cool off in, and bring the most vulnerable dogs into a temperature controlled space in one of the three small buildings that we currently have.

There is one BIG thing that is different this year — the knowledge that next summer will be better because of the huge construction project that was begun in May! When work is completed in autumn, we'll have two large, beautiful, temperature-controlled buildings to house 80 of our 160+ dogs. You can read about our Better Life Campaign and see the progress on pages 5 & 6. One of our supporters said the buildings look like the Ark! We like to think of them that way. They will save our dogs from weather extremes, and provide a better life for the length of time they're at Straydog.

This is a marvelous change for sure, but sadly, there are two things that have not changed for Straydog: *the need to help homeless animals and the money it takes to do this.*

As a no-kill rescue and sanctuary we can't take them all in, but we do offer an outreach program, whereby we help fund spay/neuter surgeries and medical treatment for dogs that will be fostered by good samaritans. We also assist in promoting these dogs for adoption by posting on our channels. Within the last few months we have helped 5 dogs find their forever homes this way.

Straydog continues to do its part, but our operational budget is always strained. **We implore you to help during this time of crisis and give what you can to help us continue our mission.** We're making a difference, one dog at a time, and cannot do it without you. Thank you so much for believing in our work and for continuing to support our residents and mission at Straydog.

With grateful appreciation,
Juana and Pam



Juana Arnold
Shelter Director, Co-President



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Bebe is adoptable!

**The Need is Now.
Donate today.**



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HAPPY TAILS

Thanks to your generous support, we are able to keep helping our residents find their forever families. Here are a few of their stories.

The need is now.

Since 2022, euthanasia rates have been rising, financial support for shelters has been declining, and the need for rescue work is greater than we've ever seen.

As a 100% no-kill shelter, we are careful to balance the heart-breaking stories with the happy tails, because if the sad ones are hard for us to hold, we know how they would impact our communities. All too often we live the shock and sadness that this work generates.

This year has been more challenging than ever.

In a recent call to rescue a couple of dogs, we found 20 dogs in need. Most of them were fragile, newborn puppies, abandoned and left behind to survive without food, water, or protection. And that's just one rescue. That's why it's so important that we take the time to remember why we do this work; it's the happy stories and loving forever homes that our deserving rescues find.



Give today.



Raja

Adorable Raja was found dumped in the ditch outside of Straydog along with her 3 siblings. She was adopted by her wonderful forever family and is now named Reese! Her family says: "She loves her purple dinosaur, Kongs, peanut butter, and ringing the potty bells to go outside or to get me to get up so she can steal my couch spot! Her and Sasha also love to play together."

Carlos

Carlos was born at our shelter after his pregnant mom was rescued by a staff member. He was adopted by his adoring family and renamed Rodger! So distinguished! His family says: "Rodger is such a good boy! We absolutely love and adore him. We take him for walks at the park every morning and evening. He's been great with his training, and being calm around the cats."





Jax

Jax was recused by one of our caregivers on their way to work. His family reports: "He is doing great and is **ABSOLUTELY** spoiled! He loves lounging around and has taken over the daybed we have in the office. We are constantly finding him in the goofiest sleeping positions. He still **LOVES** belly rubs. We've loved going on daily walks with him. We consider ourselves so lucky to have found him because he's just the best!"

Pilgrim

Pilgrim was found roaming as a stray, and was rescued by our long-time supporter and board Treasurer. He was later chosen by his forever fam and is now named Loki! His family reports: "He is awesome and doing so well. Still can't get him in a car but other than that he's **SUCH** a great dog. He is such a beautiful, sweet dog... he is just so loving and our whole family adores him."



Mark your calendar!

Get ready to win big for a great cause!

Our autumn fundraiser is a Casino Night this year and we are so excited to share a wonderful night of community, festivity, and poker for the pups!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CLEAR THE SHELTERS
Willowbend Mall
AUGUST 26TH

NORTH TEXAS
GIVING DAY
SEPTEMBER 21ST

BETS FOR PETS!
STRAYDOG CASINO NIGHT
NOVEMBER 4th

MEET & GREET THE DOGS

PETSMART, MESQUITE
11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
19175 LBJ FREEWAY
MESQUITE, TX
JULY 29TH

POTTERY BARN
& WILLIAMS SONOMA
11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
2201 PRESTON RD SUITE A
PLANO, TX
AUGUST 5TH

PETSMART, WEST PLANO
11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
6204 W. PARK BLVD.
PLANO, TX
AUGUST 12TH

Bronco is available for adoption!



Bronco

PAR FOR THE COURSE! 13TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our events are a wonderful way to support our dogs and the whole Straydog Community! This year's Golf Tournament was a great example.

Our annual golf fundraiser was aces; a real slice of perfection! Our community of supporters, both golf and dog lovers alike, came together to grace the greens and putt for the pups with our celebrity golfers Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Billy Joe Dupree, Everson Walls, Pudge Rodriguez and actor Burton Gilliam. A great day on the greens!



Visit straydog.org/adopt to learn more about our residents and see *all* our loving, worthy pups available for adoption!

THANK YOU GOLFERS AND VOLUNTEERS!



A BETTER LIFE

This Spring, Straydog enthusiastically broke ground for its two, badly needed new shelter buildings.

The buildings will provide safe, temperature controlled, indoor housing for 80 rescues, especially important for our senior dogs and dogs with medical needs.

The new space will protect our residents from the dangerous extremes of Texas weather. Each of the 6 x 7-foot luxury indoor suites includes access to individual, large, outdoor runs. Once outside, the dogs can enjoy basking in the sun or relaxing on their own private patios, safe and happy.

The goal of our A Better Life Campaign is to provide an improved quality of life for **all of our rescues**.

Since the new buildings will only support 80 of our 160+ residents, **there is still much work to be done for the rest of our campus**.

This includes regrading and leveling the rest of the grounds, rebuilding outdoor dog houses, relocating outdoor kennels, renovating space for socialization, and improving laundry and food prep areas to save time and maximize care.

MAKE A LIFE-SAVING GIFT TODAY!



Early construction



Scan the QR code below!



Or visit www.straydog.org



CONSTRUCTING OUR FUTURE

With your support, we can realize our vision for ALL of our residents. Please give today and join us in providing A BETTER LIFE for all of our shelter residents!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF ALL OF THE DOGS!

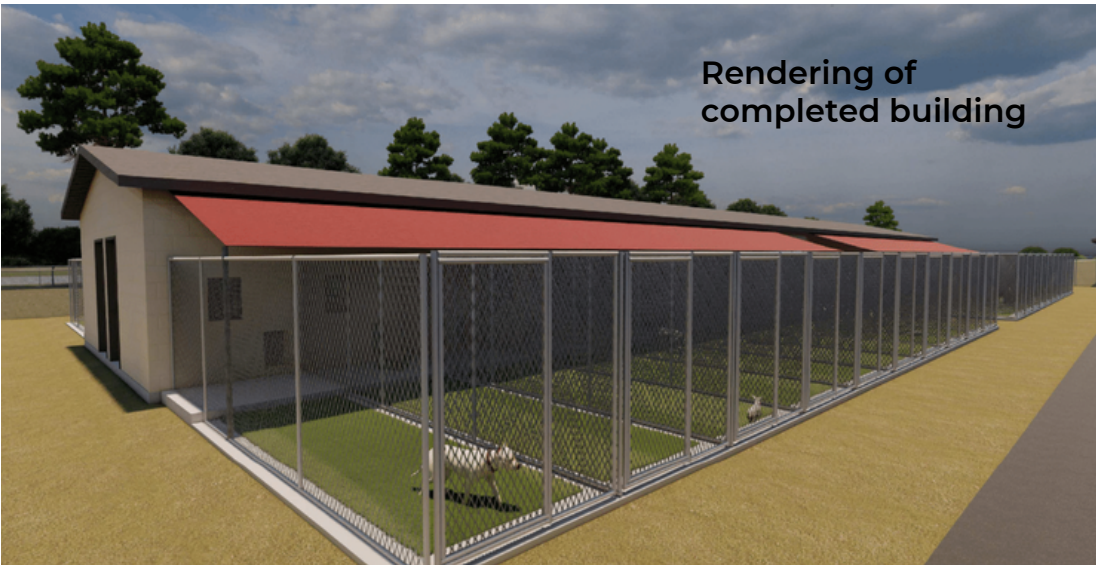


Scan to donate to our buildings!

Current progress



Rendering of completed building



Meet Naomi! She is just one pup who will benefit from the new buildings!
She is available to adopt!



2023 WISH LIST

Capital Campaign Gifts

Kiddie Pools
100ft Hoses

Jerky Treats
Pill Pockets

Tractor Supply & Walmart gift cards

Gatorade for our hardworking, very toasty staff!



OUR SWEET FRIENDS BELOW ARE AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

“Dogs do speak, but only to those who know how to listen.”

- Orhan Pamuk



Can't adopt one of our pups today, no worries!
Make a donation to support their care until forever homes are found.



Piper



Nadia



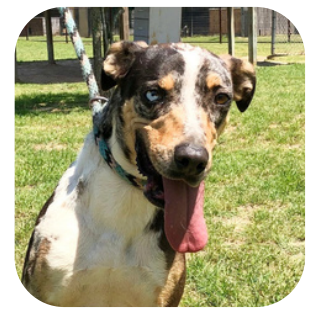
Teddy



Lola



Violet




Shirley

Do you have room in your home for a sweet new friend? Visit straydog.org/adopt to learn more about the friends above and see *all* our pups available for adoption.



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