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RESCUING, REHABILITATING, AND
REHOMING DOGS SINCE 1997



BUSTER

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Spring/Summer 2024

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Happy Summer, Friends

Spring has sprung and summer is here! Spring is a time when we all look forward to new growth and rebirth. We at Straydog love the cool temperatures of Spring and all the lovely flowers that bloom. The one thing that Straydog does not look forward to in Spring is the birth of many litters of homeless puppies. We know, however, that our mission continues no matter what the season is.

The state of rescue is in crisis - made even worse with the closing of the local municipal shelter. We are doing all we can to help alleviate the situation. Caring citizens reach out to us daily asking for help with abandoned, stray, and homeless dogs and puppies. It breaks our hearts that we cannot help all of them. We are well aware of our limitations regarding intake, but with our Outreach program, we try to help with the vetting (spay/neuter, vaccines, and medical care) if a citizen is willing to foster the dogs. We also help to get them adopted by posting them on our website for adoption. There are times, however, when the foster does not work out and Straydog is the last hope for those dogs or puppies.

We would like you to know that some in the community are stepping up to help, and that your donations literally have, and will, save the life of a homeless dog. We have found new homes for many of the new puppies we rescued and that is all because of you. The need is still overwhelming, but with your help, we will continue our mission one dog at a time.

With sincere gratitude

Juana V. Arnold
Straydog Co-President

Pam Bollinger
Straydog Co-President

MORE ABOUT BUSTER

Buster was rescued by our general contractor enroute to a building meeting. He was dodging traffic in the middle of a country road and jumped right into the contractor's truck when he stopped. Buster is a one-year-old handsome, labrador mix, who is good with adults, children and other dogs.

The Need is Now. Donate Today



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WAYS TO GIVE



SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
AN AFFILIATE OF DJCF

Another milestone for Straydog! We are excited to announce an agency partnership with Southwest Community Foundation (SWCF).

SWCF assists organizations like Straydog in building capacity through education, consulting, and professional investment management services. SWCF is a trusted expert in charitable giving and effective philanthropy, with over 50 years of serving as a resource for individuals and organizations interested in creative and customized solutions, designed to maximize charitable giving.

Straydog's vision is to build a fund under SWCF's professional management which will provide for the long-term sustainability of Straydog. It is the next logical step in our efforts to ensure Straydog can provide for the long-term leadership and operational funds needed to serve the ever-increasing population of abandoned, neglected, and abused dogs that so desperately need our help.

We are so excited about the guidance and facilitation SWCF will provide in relation to direct planned gifts of various types (such as appreciated stock and real estate) and various giving vehicles (such as qualified charitable IRA distributions, endowment funds, and donor advised funds).

We will keep you updated on ways you can help Straydog build a more sustainable future through SWCF. If you want to get started now, just contact us at Straydogshelter@gmail.com!

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SAVING
DONATION
TODAY!**



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Consult with your employer if they match donations made by you. This could multiply the impact of your hard earned donation and support Straydog.

Kroger Card

Link your card to Straydog at www.kroger.com. A portion of your purchase will be donated by Kroger's to Straydog. Straydog is listed as Straydog Inc or under code MG139. Enroll your card today and get started!

Tom Thumb Card

Visit Customer Service to fill out and turn in the form. You will need Straydog TIN No. 75-2756374, at the time you complete the form. A portion of your purchases will be donated to Straydog. Quick and easy!

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SPRINGTIME SUCCESS

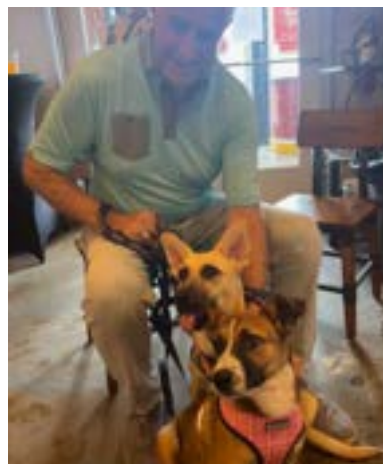
Straydog. had an eventful, busy spring and we wanted to share some highlights!

Straydog celebrated the opening of our new buildings on March 2, 2024 with the care team having already moved some of our dogs into the new space. **The ribbon-cutting ceremony was a joyous occasion, shared with close friends and supporters.**

Straydog hosted its 14th Annual Golf Tournament at Gentle Creek Golf Club on April 8th, coinciding with a solar eclipse. The event featured an eclipse-themed golf experience, complete with complimentary viewing glasses. Pictured is the tournament sponsor team from Triad Foundation.

At end of May, Jordan's Way challenged the staff and donors of Straydog during a 3-hour Facebook Live event, with challenges and dares. Our followers made online donations to help with the mission.

Lastly, In June the Board of Directors expressed deep gratitude to all supporters with a reception at 3 Nations Brewery, offering refreshing drinks, bites, and engaging conversations to honor their dedication to the cause.



SHELTER HAPPENINGS



This Spring and the wonderful gift of our new buildings has brought about many changes at the shelter. Most importantly, of course, is the fact that more dogs are now living inside rather than outside. As you all know, it takes a while for a dog to adjust to a new environment, and our dogs are no exception. It took many of them a while to learn how to use the doggie doors, but after a while most of them are experts and are enjoying being able to go outside and enjoy the fresh air or stay inside in a temperate climate. Another thing that we anticipated is that there is very little reactivity between dogs that live in the same wing of each building. Our dogs are good neighbors to each other!

In addition, we have changed our operational procedures to fit the new living quarters. Until we build another park adjacent to the new buildings for the older dogs, the care staff takes advantage of the beautiful grounds around the buildings and will take the dogs for walks around the pond. For the dogs who cannot walk too far they just take them to lie peacefully in the shade of one of our trees. Even on the hottest days, you can see the dogs going into their outdoor run to soak up some Vitamin D and then cool off by popping back into their indoor kennel.

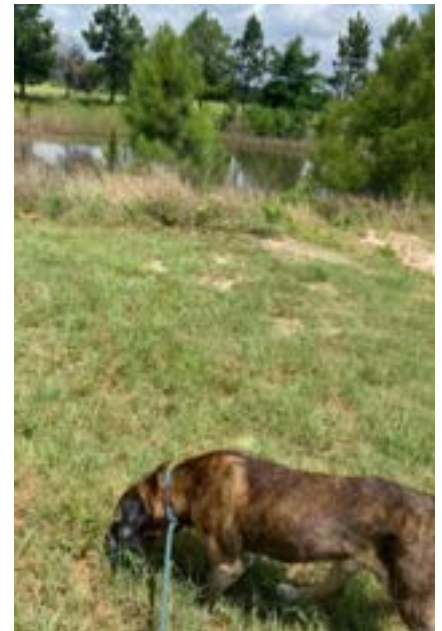
We have completed several campus improvements as a part of the building campaign. We recently installed a new septic system to replace the one that was overlaid by the new buildings. This services the building where most of the laundry is done as well as providing us with the use of another bathroom. The old privacy fence enclosing the outdoor kennels was replaced and it was completed just in time before the bad spring storms hit the area! Now we can be assured that if a dog escapes his/her kennel, the privacy fence will keep the escapee safe until caught.

Everyone, dogs and staff, are settling nicely into a new routine of enjoying our beautiful buildings.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Clear the Shelter
(8/17)

North Texas
Giving Day
(9/24)





HAPPY TAILS

Thanks to your generous support, Straydog found forever homes for 69 dogs in 2023! Here are a few of our *Happy Tails*.



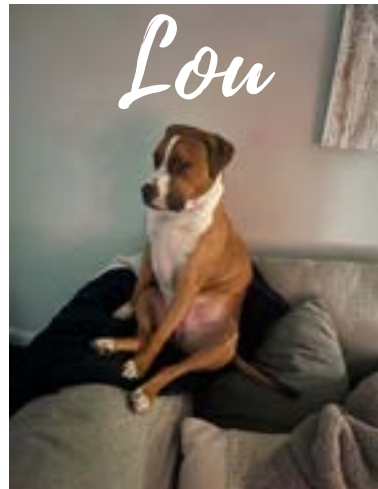
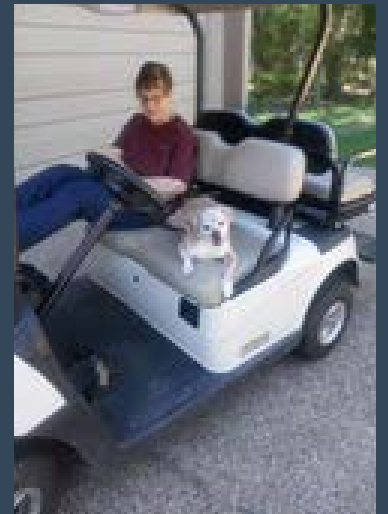
Sally, now known as Bayli, is a German Shepherd mix who was found running loose in Amarillo. Cotton, now known as Colton, is a Great Pyrenees mix who was dumped in the country. Both of them found their way to Straydog by way of caring humans who saved their lives.

From the streets to sweet dreams, Colton & Bayli are loving their new home! They've aced their training and are enjoying puppy life to the fullest. While they've developed a hobby of shedding, they're also pros at cuddling after a playful tussle. It's all about the love, laughs, and a little bit of fur cleanup for this adorable duo!

In the wake of a tragic accident, Piglet found himself in our care. This brave little survivor was tossed from a car but miraculously came through without harm. Though he lost his first owner, he's healed and now radiates sweetness and joy. Piglet has now found a new home with a loving Mom and Dad. His favorite past time is to ride in the golf cart with Mom.

His adoptive family reports he's settling in well. He testament to resilience and the enduring spirit of a dog.

Piglet



This sweet boy, Lou, was one of a lively litter of eight born to Nadia just after Christmas in 2022. At Straydog, his life was an adventure filled with play and cuddles. He found his forever family and they are in love with him. They say, "we are so happy! He's such a goober, a cuddler, and a handsome bub".

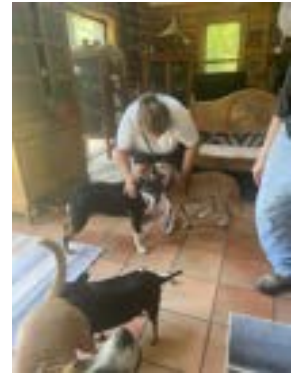
Archie



Archie, now known as Isaac, had a tough beginning. He was abandoned in a neighborhood and a good Samaritan contacted Straydog. Fortunately, he was adopted and found a loving family where he's cherished. Isaac enjoys his new life, complete with spa treatments and two beautiful homes to live in with beautiful views in each home. He is a beloved member of his new family and loving every moment of his pampered existence.

Pancha and Lucas

Pancha and Lucas, mother and son, had a very rough start in life. We were notified by a neighbor that they were tied up with 3' tractor chains on concrete, no shelter, and were denied regular food. After rescuing them, they finally got used to a "chainless" life and regular meals. A wonderful supporter and former alum adopted both of them. They are now cherished, loved, well-fed, and happy.



SAVE THE DATE

Get Ready to Bet for Pets at Our Annual Casino Night!

Ante up for an unforgettable night where the stakes are high, and the hearts are warm! Indulge in gourmet delights, take a chance at the casino tables, and raise the bid in our exciting auctions.

Sip on fine liquors, savor cigars, and who knows, you might just hit the jackpot in our raffle!

Every chip you wager helps us in our heartfelt mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome and care for all of our four-legged friends.



THANKS TO YOU

STRAYDOG IS ABLE TO OFFER THESE PROGRAMS



ADOPTION

- ✓ Top priority for every dog to be adopted into a loving home
- ✓ Hold 40+ adoptions events a year
- ✓ perform home visits and adoption follow ups with each family
- ✓ Adopted 69 dogs in 2023

FOSTER/OUTREACH

- ✓ Spay/Neuter, vaccinate and vet homeless dogs for community fosters and Straydog fosters
- ✓ Partner with fosters for adoption purposes

MEDICAL

- ✓ All intakes are provided with new arrival exams, vaccinations, spay/neuter and any necessary medical treatment
- ✓ Shelter residents receive routine and comprehensive medical care as if they were in a forever home
- ✓ Shelter residents have access to 24/7 emergency care

SANCTUARY

- ✓ Straydog provides a home for dogs not available for adoption due to age, medical or personality issues
- ✓ All Sanctuary dogs receive a good, full, loving life, as a part of our family




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