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Stray Rescue of St. Louis: Where Compassion Rules

Dear Friend,

The infamous snow and ice storm of 2006 was less than 24 hours away and the time had to come to rescue the north city dogs. The only problem was that momma and papa have eluded rescue for over a year now. Residing in a dangerous neighborhood on Kingshighway, I have fed them regularly over the past year. However, once the 9 pups were born, we renewed our efforts at rescue. Working daily, our hearts about stopped one day when we drove up to the abandoned building called home and saw workers feverishly tearing their "home" apart. Frantic calls to the police and building inspectors stopped the demolition before any pups were killed. This was not the only time the family has eluded tragedy. I hope every street dog has an angel to look out for them but these pups literally had their own private one. Nestled amongst them was a "baby" angel statue that was always there no matter where momma located her babies. Living in this neighborhood, they needed one!!



Momma and Papa (below) are in desperate need of rescue but are too smart to be trapped despite tantalizing prime rib, fried chicken and pot roast.



Efforts to save momma and papa continue. Straw covered dog houses were left behind to help them survive the ice storm and winter cold.



Despite being healthy pups and the fact that we de-wormed them previously and returned them to their momma for nursing, they didn't stand a chance in an ice storm. Darrell, Donna and I gathered them up in a laundry basket along with their angel. Not quite ready for mush, wonderful Stray Rescue volunteers stepped forward to bottle feed them and I am proud to say that all have survived. Each now boasts an automotive name such as Saturn and Benz and are available for adoption on our website.

As what often happens when we rescue, residents ask us to take other strays so along with the pups, we loaded a litter of kittens into my car. It was a good day!





Getting so many puppies and kittens off the streets is critical to ending the overpopulation problem. In my dreams, I imagine every city passing a mandatory spay/neuter program so there would be no more dogs suffering on the streets like Nia. Rescued the day before Thanksgiving and suffering from terrible infections, mange and malnutrition, she seemed to know her angel arrived when Donna (below and right) slowly approached her. She quietly gave up and put her trust in us. Now thriving in a foster home, she will soon be available for adoption. Keep an eye out for this sweetie on our website.

I have to say that 2007 got off to a productive start. On New Years Day, we rescued Butterscotch and her 11 pups. Found in a dilapidated house (lower left) and living in horrible conditions, I have no idea how this wonderful momma raised 11 fat puppies. Obviously an abandoned pet, Butterscotch is as loving as they come. Despite all her suffering, she is very happy to be once again in the company of humans, sleeping in a warm shelter and good food. I swear she is smiling in her picture below and it makes me smile to know and to feel her happiness. Getting fatter by the day, the pups enjoy a feast of mush several times each day (lower right) and stay warm under special lighting. Butterscotch and her pups are the shelter favorites and all will soon be ready for adoption. The pups will be named after candy and snack foods like their momma so look for them on our website and at adoption events in the near future.




What price can you put on saving an animal from abuse and neglect? You can make a difference for an animal today by giving us the financial strength to rescue and medically rehabilitate them. I only ask for your help twice per year when the weather is most extreme and the hardest on the street animals – the dead of winter and in the heat of summer. **Together, WE are Stray Rescue.** I can't do it without YOU. Please help us NOW.

Thank you SO MUCH for your support.

Woof,

Randy Grim
Founder/Executive Director



Quentin Grim, 
The Miracle Dog Who
Survived the Gas Chamber