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Since Pat's death Bill Arnold continues to work (without pay) every day for Straydog Inc. Pat and Bill's four children (all in their 30s and 40s with full-time jobs) are also volunteering (and two working part time) helping Straydog continue to operate exactly as Pat would have wanted.  
(As always complete financial records are available on request.)



## **Straydog, our Happy Home for Strays**

(The hexagon is "The Big Play Yard," which we usually refer to as "the park")  
(Photo taken May 2002)

Straydog is a "lifeboat" (and sanctuary) for rescued dogs. A vacant spot in a kennel is an empty seat in our "lifeboat," so please, if you're interested in adopting a dog, see our "Dogs for Adoption" links below, or call to inquire about dogs you may have seen recent photos of but who may not yet be included in our "Dogs for Adoption" links. And please continue to support us. We will continue to row this "lifeboat" to shore, dropping off rescued dogs into the arms of good adopters, and we will continue to fill the space left vacant by each adopted dog with another desperate homeless dog for as long as we can hold on (financially). We believe that the example of our sacrifice (and the example of the sacrifices made by the people running all other no-kill shelters) must be publicized to wake people up and make them aware of the necessity to **SPAY** and **NEUTER** their pets so that homeless dog-rescue "lifeboats" will no longer be necessary. (Ditto for cats!)

# *Bill Arnold's Daily Straydog Log*

**SUNDAY** OCTOBER 19 2003

## **Erin emails to me a phone-in report on Chubs and Cassie**

I just talked to Charlie (Chubs and Cassie's new dad) asking for an update on Chubs and Cassie. He's "sorry to say" the dogs are staying there, forever!

"Right now Milo and Chubs are playing tug of war with a toy, in the house, dragging each other around," Charlie said, and he went on to tell me all kinds of new things the pups are doing.

Chubs swims across the width of the pond, and gets out on the other bank and then wades back in and swims back. Every day the dogs get to run and swim.



Chubs and Cassie go in for a swim at his new home back on October 7th.

Chubs also knows his way around the house. He can walk from the kitchen, through the laundry room, through the breezeway, which leads to the garage, and then into the workshop. Chubs does this without bumping into anything!

There is no change in appetite. They're both "little pigs." Sometimes Cassie stops eating to see if everyone else is still eating and to check everything out. Cassie is a little apprehensive when she hears different or strange noises, especially if they are loud noises, but "Chubs is dupe-de-do," said Charlie. "He's not afraid of anything!"

Cassie and Milo run around the house and pond a lot. Chubs is learning to relax. He'll take naps and not worry about where anyone else is. "He really loves me too," Charlie said. "He walks right next to me all the time, knowing that he won't run into anything if I am near."

Feeding the horses is a fun time. All the dogs come out to the gate and sit waiting for Charlie to feed the horses and come back. As they approach the gate Charlie tells Chubs, "Eeeeeeeasy",

and then when they get to the gate, "HALT." After the first time Chubbie really learned what that meant, and he knows these directions and commands now.

All five dogs are getting along fine together. At first Summer didn't like that Chubs just bumped right into her. She didn't realize Chubs was blind, so she growled at him when he bumped into her. But now Chubs smells her and doesn't bump her by accident.

The cats and the dogs get along fine too. Cassie especially likes the inside cat. Chubbie doesn't pay much attention to the cats.

Chubs is also turning into a good watch dog. When people come over and Chubbie begins to hear their voices, he barks!

Chubs and Cassie both follow Charlie around all day every day. As Charlie was talking to me on the phone, he said Cassie was sitting on one foot and Chubs was leaning against the other leg.

Cassie doesn't want to come home to Straydog. When Jana put on her shoes with bells to work with Chubs the other night (as she had worked with these shoes with Chubs at Straydog), Cassie went over to Charlie and backed away from Jana, as if to say, "I want to stay here, please."

What a difference a forever home makes in a dog's life.

What a difference forever dogs make in our lives.



LEFT: Pat holds Blind Chubs and Sister Cassie soon after we took them in in January 2003.  
RIGHT: Sister Cassie and Blind Brother Chubs lie in the shade of their shelter doorway (in September 2003)

[Click here for the PDF of the first several pages of today's update.](#)

which we encourage you to print out and give to others.

[Click here to see live still pictures from four webcams at Straydog, our Happy Home for Strays](#) (This may sound elaborate, but Pat's and my son, Joe (who's a computer technician at SMU), knows how to hook up stuff like this at very little expense.)

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#### **LAST WEEK**

##### **SUNDAY** October 12 2003:

\* Amigo's all alone now with Freddy gone, so we try him with diabetic Julie [PHOTOS];

##### **MONDAY** October 13 2003:

\* Two tiny pups found in a garbage bag inside a dumpster join us [PHOTO];

\* Three other people called today wanting us to take dogs they had rescued.

##### **TUESDAY** October 14 2003:

\* More calls today from people who are trying to place dogs they've rescued;

\* Why we don't take 40 or 50 dogs to adoption days.

##### **WEDNESDAY** October 15 2003:

\* Flash! - Late rescue of a dog named Henry;

\* Puppies Madison and Sadie come in the house for a bath in the bathroom sink [PHOTOS];

## THURSDAY October 16 2003:

- \* The rescue of Henry [PHOTOS];
- \* So now we've got two new dogs coming (both males);
- \* The golden-tan Pit/Lab mix will be dropped off at Morton Small Animal Clinic tomorrow; the other new dog, Henry, will probably be released to come home tomorrow.

## FRIDAY October 17 2003:

- \* Henry does not have a broken jaw, but an abscess, which is draining while Henry stays at the clinic;
- \* A large, soft lump is discovered on Misty's belly, and Juany takes her to the vet [FILE PHOTOS].
- \* The new golden-tan Pit/Lab mix (we've named Russell after his rescuer) is at the clinic, and we'll pick him up Monday.

## SATURDAY October 18 2003:

- \* No adoptions today, but Straydog receives \$96 from the proceeds of a raffle [PHOTOS].

## **WEEK BEFORE LAST**

## SUNDAY October 5 2003:

- \* It's been raining all day with temperatures in the low 70s [PHOTOS];
- \* Newsletter is almost ready to stuff into envelopes.

## MONDAY October 6 2003:

- \* First hundred newsletters make it to the post office in time tonight [PHOTOS];
- \* Diabetic Julie went to the vet clinic for her blood sugar test, and Big Boy went for

another blood test too [PHOTO].

## TUESDAY October 7 2003:

\* Blind Chocolate Lab Chubs and his Black Lab sister, Cassie, are officially adopted and go to their new home today! [PHOTOS WITH MORE PHOTOS TO COME]

## WEDNESDAY October 8 2003:

\* An email to Erin from Jana (Chubs and Cassie's new mom);

\* An email to Bill from Heather's new mom (from last week) [PHOTOS];

\* Several hundred mailers go to the post office every day before the 4:30 p.m. pickup;

\* Thanks to Ofelia for helping out for several hours on the mailer today;

\* We got diabetic Julie one of those blood sugar reading machines.

## THURSDAY October 9 2003:

\* The newsletters are not all in the mail yet;

\*Overcast, gray day with intermittent rain;

\*Julie's new glucose level machine is working great.

## FRIDAY October 10 2003:

\* The balance of the newsletters are in the mail;

\* Late yesterday evening we decided to bring Alice in for the night. Then today we had to bring Sally over to be with Alice in Chubs and Cassie's former kennel [PHOTOS].

## SATURDAY October 11 2003:

\* Daisy and Freddy are adopted together at Adoption Day at PetsMart [PHOTOS];