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## *Bill Arnold's Daily Straydog Log*

**TUESDAY** FEBRUARY 3 2004

**At post time Rudy's appointment at the Dallas Veterinary Diagnostic Center has not yet been moved up**

After several attempts to contact each other yesterday and again this morning, our local vet, Dr. Morton, and the Diagnostic Center vet, Dr. Bronstad, have not yet talked, and Rudy's appointment is still set for the 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Except for his extreme weight loss (Rudy now weighs about 30 pounds less than he weighed a couple of months ago) Rudy seems fine. He runs and plays with his brother and mother, he has a great appetite, his stools are good and he seems to be a very happy young puppy dog.

Hopefully by the end of today we'll have Rudy's appointment rescheduled for as soon as possible.

**Tom the Cat came thru his surgery just fine and is now at Erin's house**

Erin's writing a report on Tom, which we'll include in tomorrow's update.

**Thanks to our contributors our operations fund (which is our only fund) is running about seven weeks ahead as of today**

This may not sound like much of a cushion, but the Straydog Inc. bank account usually drops to about a two-week reserve before we panic and go into our desperation fund raising mode. Right now we're working on the next newsletter, which as of right now will not have a desperation headline.

**Our daily updates and live web cams are basically for disclosure rather than entertainment**

As I've reported before, every once in a while I receive an email asking why I would think anyone would be interested in knowing about the mundane daily happenings at our no-kill dog shelter. I guess it annoys or irritates some people who might think that I might see myself as some sort of an artist creating this daily journal ("live and in color").

I spend a lot of time every day trying to keep caught up with this website so that you (our current contributors and potential future contributors) know that we are for real. We want you to be able to see (and read about) where your contributions are going.

Yesterday ...

# *www.Straydog.org Update* - POSTED EVERY DAY AT NOON

(Photos of Jack and Jill posted at 8:00 Tuesday morning.)

(Photos of Colby in with Kerry and a photo of Jordan and Baby Girl in their new kennel posted at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday.)

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**MONDAY** FEBRUARY 2 2004

**Diagnostic Center in Dallas can't see Rudy till the 16th, unless ...**

We told them we can't wait that long, and they said the referring vet will have to tell them that this is an emergency if we want Rudy to get in any earlier. We've contacted Dr. Morton, and he has a call into Dr. Bronstad at the Dallas Veterinary Diagnostic Center, and Dr. Bronstad will call Dr. Morton as soon as he gets a chance.

**Tom, the feral cat, is at Dr. Morton's being neutered this morning**

Erin (and the rest of the caregivers here at Straydog) have been spending lots of time with Tom trying to "tame him down" so that the entire surgical process will go more easily and so that we might be able to find Tom a home. In order to give Tom the anesthetic they have to squeeze him to the back of the little cage that's especially made for this purpose. They then give him the injection and wait for him to go to sleep before taking him out of the cage for his surgery.

**Jack (of the Jack and Jill duo) might have an infection in his totally blind eye (or eye socket)**



Jack gets his right eye (or eye socket) "doctored" by Erin and Tina.



It's been very red and crusty since Saturday, and Jack hasn't wanted us to clean it or even touch it. I've made an appointment with Dr. Paulsen at the Animal Eye Clinic in Arlington (Texas) for both of these Australian Shepherd "Lethal Whites" to make sure both get the eye care they might need. We've been wanting to take them in for a long time just to get an assessment of the condition of their eyes, but we've never felt we could justify the expense as (until now) there's never been a problem (other than being almost blind) with the eyes of either of the siblings. (Our local vet, Dr. Morton, has, of course, always checked their eyes during routine visits to the clinic.)

### **Lots of kennel swapping Sunday afternoon gets Jordan and Baby Girl a kennel**

After posting yesterday's update we remembered that Colby had at one time "roomed" with Kerry, so we re-introduced them in the park, they got along, and we moved Colby from his and Sasha's former kennel into Kerry's kennel. (You'll remember that after Henry was adopted last week, Kerry was left a single dog in a big kennel--the kennel with the electric wire around the baseline of its fence.)



Colby's taking Henry's place in with a somewhat leery Kerry.

Next we moved Tipper back into her original kennel (which Colby and Sasha had been occupying since it was a dig-proof kennel). Next we moved Krissy and Boomer II into the kennel Tipper had been in, as Krissy had originally been living there. Next we moved Russell (a single because he hasn't been able to get along with anyone) into the kennel Krissy and Boomer II just vacated--better for Russell since it's right next to the park, which will eliminate the skirmishes Russell's been getting into on his way to and from the park as he would pass by other occupied kennels. And last we moved Jordan and Baby Girl (the two dogs with mange who were dumped at our gate a week ago in the middle of the night) into Russell's vacated kennel.



Jordan and Baby Girl settle in to their new, bigger kennel (formerly Russell's kennel)

If the above sounds confusing, it is. It took us a long time to figure out the plan, which we finally executed.

We've disinfected the little six-foot by 12-foot puppy kennel where Jordan and Baby Girl had been staying, and it's ready for emergencies and for outings for Ojay and Jeannie, who have been having to stay in separate hospital kennels since Jordan and Baby Girl arrived.

And people who call with a rescue (which happens at least once a day on the average) wonder why we can't just squeeze their rescued dog in.

[Click Here for More Photos from Monday, February 2, 2004](#)

# Previous Daily Updates

## *Bill Arnold's Daily Straydog Log*

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### CURRENT WEEK

#### SUNDAY February 1 2004:

[Erin's Saturday Adoption Day Report ...](#)

[\\* Henry's family came into PetsMart Saturday;](#)

[\\* Sasha is adopted \[PHOTOS\]!](#)

[\\* A couple more photos taken at our Saturday Adoption Day at PetsMart \[PHOTOS\];](#)

[\\* Colby also finds a new home;](#)

[\\* Email from Pat S., Adoption Day Volunteer, concerning Colby's short-lived adoption;](#)

[\\* Jason, Colby's new guardian dad, calls this morning and says they'll have to return Colby;](#)

[\\* Our briefly vacant kennel will again be occupied by Colby;](#)

[\\* Excerpts from an email from Gayle concerning Rudy and our next step in his case.](#)

### LAST WEEK

#### SUNDAY January 25 2004:

[\\* DUMPED ON! - Two Black Labs were abandoned at the entrance to our driveway last night;](#)

[\\* No kennel space available!](#)

\* NEVER ABANDON A DOG ANYWHERE, and especially not near our shelter - neighbors shoot strays!

\* Abandoning a dog (or cat) is a crime!

\* The criminal dumper's letter;

\* Erin's report on Adoption Day ...

\* Susan's foster dog, Gidget, gets adopted;

\* Henry is at his potential new home;

\* Three more potential adoptions in the works - Colby, Sasha and Kerry.

## MONDAY January 26 2004:

\* Jordan and Baby Girl go to the vet clinic for their new arrivals checkup [PHOTOS];

\* Yesterday afternoon we had to find a kennel for Macy, who was displaced by the dumped dogs;

\* We quickly refurbish the old, unused barn kennel [PHOTOS TO COME];

\* Security cameras are in place down by the road and on the roof;

\* Occasionally someone calls wondering why we don't advertise our location;

\* Email from Blind Stevie and Little Pete concerning SJ and Dewey, the paralyzed dog;

## TUESDAY January 27 2004:

\* Temperatures in the low 20s this morning [PHOTOS];

\* Report from the clinic on Jordan and Baby Girls, the two Black Labs that were dumped on us before dawn Sunday.

## WEDNESDAY January 28 2004:

\* Last night was another cold one with the lows in the 20s;

\* Today is heartworm pill day;

\* We'll be picking up Jordan and Baby Girl this afternoon;

*Erin's vet visit report from last evening ...*

\* Champ, Big Boy and Rudy visit Brian Reeves, DVM Tuesday afternoon [PHOTOS];

\* Dr. Reeves suggests we get our own microscope [PHOTO];

\* Scales for weighing the dogs [PHOTO];

\* The vet bill: \$363.70.

## **THURSDAY** January 29 2004:

\* Jordan and Baby Girl are back from the clinic [PHOTOS];

\* A neighbor's dog hit and killed by a car right out in front of their house;

\* A woman called saying she might be able to get us a microscope for free.

## **FRIDAY** January 30 2004:

\* Rudy continues to lose weight, and no one knows for sure what's wrong with him [PHOTOS];

\* Ojay's at our local vet clinic having his stitches removed [PHOTO]; Macy's there to be dipped again for demodex mange;

\* The donated microscope is on its way!

\* Kennel Team Members, Michael and Bobby, shovel a load of sand into Kerry's kennel [PHOTO];

## **SATURDAY** January 31 2004:

\* Ojay had his stitches removed by Dr. Morton, our local vet, Friday afternoon [PHOTOS];

*Report from Erin on Champ and Rudy ...*

\* Both Champ and Rudy's blood test results

came back, and we got a call from Dr. Reeves  
Friday evening: Good news on Champ; not so  
good news on Rudy;

\* Email from Isela (the mom), whose family  
adopted Amy and Annie last June 21st [PHOTOS]

## **PREVIOUS WEEKS** (TABLE OF CONTENTS of Previous Updates)

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### **\* Adoption Day Every Saturday -**

We take a van load of dogs to PetsMart in Plano (Texas) on  
Central (U.S.75) at Parker every Saturday, and we are there  
from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Please contact us via email or phone  
if you would like us to bring to PetsMart a special dog you've  
seen on this website, or make an appointment and come out and  
see the dog(s) you're interested in right here at Straydog.

**\* Our Dogs for Adoption** listed on Petfinder.org, kept up to date by  
volunteer and member of our Board of Directors, Susan Southerland, Esq.

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