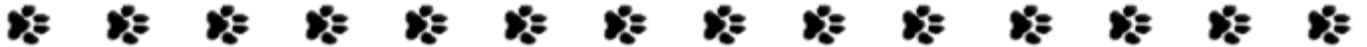
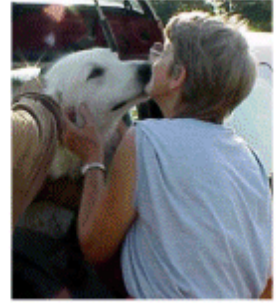




# Straydog

The Arnold Family's Happy Home For Strays



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### **Spice, a pregnant stray, finds her way to Straydog**

On November 21, 2005 we got a phone call from a neighbor across the road from Straydog telling us there was a stray hiding under one of their trailers. With some sweet talking and petting, Tina and Jeff got Spice to come out and we made a trip to the vet clinic. Spice (as Tina had already named this doggie) was pregnant! She was wormed, given Frontline and checked for heartworms (negative).

Two-year old, 70 lb Spice was scared to death and would not walk on a leash for several days. We had set up a comfy spot for her to have her babies inside the hospital trailer. Our male caregivers carried her to and from the hospital trailer for her potty breaks. On Thanksgiving Day, Spice was still hesitant but began walking on a leash. She also began eating better and taking cookies from Juana's hand for the first time.

November 28<sup>th</sup> Spice had her babies. One died right away and the last one was stillborn. Five little puppies survived for a short time but within 36 hours all but one had died. (We called emergency clinics throughout the night trying to understand what was going on. "Could be a virus," one doctor said). We rushed the last puppy and Spice to the doctor's office first thing in the morning and after some tests the doctor said that Spice had both hookworms and coccidia, both of which parasites go through the walls of the placenta and infest the babies. All pregnant dogs need to be wormed halfway through their pregnancy. The combination of these two parasites brought the puppies chances of surviving down to zero. "They were doomed," said the doctor. "There was nothing anyone could do to save them."



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We had a funeral that afternoon at the little cemetery next to the park where Pat Arnold began burying our first losses back in the '90s. We buried the five pups next to the two siblings we had buried earlier. Caregiver John said a few words about this unnecessary loss of life and we all cried. We received several nice emails about Spice and her puppies. We are so thankful to all of our contributors that we were able to take Spice in and give her a warm place to have her babies. It's a couple months later now, and she's doing great and seems very happy at Straydog. She's been spayed and has been to Adoption Day. Spice will make one lucky family a very fine, playful and loving companion!

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Bill, Erin and Straydog Caregivers,

I am so sorry to hear that all of the puppies died. I know that must be very heartbreaking, but I thank God that Spice was with you in a warm, comfortable place to have these little ones that went straight to the Rainbow Bridge. Spice is now surrounded by loving people to care for her and loving hands to comfort her. Thank you so much for what you do.-- Melissa

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Dear Bill, Juana, Christin and John,

... I was so moved to read about the funeral for Spice's puppies. Those puppies were treated with dignity and respect, something that would have never happened had they not crossed Straydog's path. It's a heartbreaking story, but I'm thankful that Spice and her puppies are and were surrounded by love. Thank each one of you for your love and your kind hearts.--Kathi

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Subject: Spice & Puppies

I was so sorry to read the heartbreaking story of Spice and the loss of her puppies. Your running commentary on everything you all did made me realize just how hard you work for these dogs (as if we already didn't know that). If it is heart-wrenching to read it, it must be so traumatic to actually live through it. I loved the fact that you had a funeral for the puppies--and I sincerely hope Spice's life continues to improve. Just by ending up at Straydog, it already has! God bless you all.-- Sue D.

Thank you for supporting Straydog and all our rescued friends!

Please continue to help us so we will be able to help more doggies like Spice!