

Dear Friends of Straydog,

This is a happier newsletter than the last one because we are showing you, our contributors, exactly where much of the funding you've donated is going--to our veterinarians to help our sick and injured dogs recover and become healthy and happy again.

After Pat passed on in 2003, Dr. Morton asked me to come into his office and talk with him about the future of Straydog. He was happy to hear that we were going to continue Pat's mission. The doctor told me that it was very rewarding to him taking care of Straydog's veterinary work, more rewarding than taking care of most of his other clients' pets because Pat always told the doctor to perform whatever treatments he felt were necessary for the well being of the animal. Other clients often balk at suggestions from the vet to do an x-ray or a blood test or whatever because of the expense, and their pets simply do not receive the veterinary care they really need.

I told Dr. Morton that we would continue with the same philosophy and protocol Pat followed. Dr. Morton also assured me that Straydog would continue to receive our blanket 25% discount off of each month's bill, which he also assured me leaves him with very little if any profit once all his expenses are paid, but he feels this is his contribution to our no-kill dog shelter.

We also use other vets in our vicinity to be sure that Morton Small Animal Clinic realizes that they are always competing for Straydog's business. Some of our other vets have more expertise in the particular treatment that one or more of our dogs might need. Dr. Reeves in Tyler, for example, uses acupuncture and other holistic alternative therapies that have greatly helped several of our dogs. Dr. Cornelius, just down the road from us, is sometimes more convenient to get to if we don't have much time, and he is an extremely knowledgeable veterinarian. We also take advantage of the low-cost spay/neuter clinics in our area.

Again we thank you all very, very much for all your generous contributions to Straydog. You are keeping us going.

Sincerely,

Bill Arnold

## Our Mission

Straydog is a "lifeboat" (and sanctuary) for rescued dogs. A vacant spot in a kennel is an empty seat in our "lifeboat," so, if you're interested in adopting a dog, see our website "Dogs for Adoption" link, 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" link. 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 are able to hold on (financially). We believe that the example of our sacrifice (and the example of the sacrifice 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 dogs (and cats) so that homeless dog (and cat) rescue "lifeboats" will no longer be necessary.

***"All stray dogs to lucky dogs ... NOW!"***

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