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Puppy Rosco was abandoned near our shelter, but thanks to your continuing support, we were able to take in and nurture this precious pup, getting him all ready for adoption. We are so grateful for your help. It is expensive to take care of all of our rescues!

Please Help Straydog!

Thank you for your tax deductible contributions!

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Even with the financial struggle we are having, it is our pleasure to bring to you some happy news about so many adoptions in the last few months. We were so excited to place 10-year-old Golden Retriever George with a previous Straydog adopter. George is very happy and content to have four kids to hang out with, play ball with, and go for rides with on his family's ranch! Cher also went to the same wonderful home. We have lucky dogs and lucky families!



George is a happy camper. He's going to go with the kids out to check the cows on his family's ranch!

Also, Mother Belle and four more of her lab/pyre pups--Gus, Noel, Pola and Ollie--have all found great loving homes! (Who will be the lucky families to get the last two of Belle's pups, Elsa and Scoobie?)

You'll see the stories of Ike and Duncan's adoptions in this newsletter. And more good news--Shim, Squirrel and RV have all found their loving forever homes in the last two weeks! Archie also found a mom recently and both Mom and Archie are very happy.

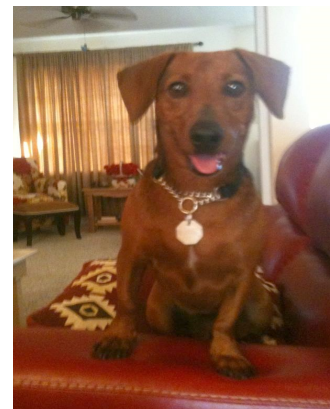
Heidi and Lee, the two Daschunds who needed to be together, found a loving mom in October. Mom is thrilled to have them both. Mom reports that Heidi will sleep on her bed, but only after checking that Lee is alright for the evening. Lee wants to curl up with his stuffy toys in his doggie bed.



Duncan and his new mom chat on the porch.



This is one of five different stuffy toys that Lee carried around during our home visit at his adoption on October 21, 2012.



Heidi, Lee's companion, showed us she liked getting up on the couch during the home visit/adoption.

We have rescued four more fellas since our last Newsletter. You can read about Puppy Rosco being found by our dumpster on page 11. Yellow Lab Mike was rescued near Straydog too, and is very shy and just learning to trust humans. We took in a small special-needs terrier mix named Eldee, who will need a special home. Puppy Wup is the most recent abandoned puppy we took in. He was diagnosed with Parvo and recovered at Dr. Morton's clinic. Wup is well now, and back home at Straydog!

Thanks to you, our wonderful supporters, we can care for ALL of our residents at Straydog, giving them the love and medical care they need. We appreciate so much your sending much needed donations to either Straydog, PO Box 1465, Gun Barrel City, TX., 75147 or directly to our Straydog account at Morton Small Animal Clinic, PO Box 1356, Athens, Tx 75751. We are at the vet clinic several times a week, as we have many dogs in our care. Thank you, Dr. Morton and staff for your great work, your discounts and account for Straydog, and always being there for our dogs (and cats).



New rescue Mike was found by a neighbor. He was being threatened by other neighbors. Mike is safe at Straydog now.

There are so many blessings to count and people to thank! We know that there isn't enough space to specifically thank everyone in a Newsletter, but we can't give enough thanks to ExploreUSA, our premier sponsor in our recent Golf Tournament fundraiser. ExploreUSA also funded a Matching Gift drive, which many of you participated in. Our monthly supporters, our dedicated volunteers, those of you who help us specifically with our vet bills or other projects, or even with a one-time donation--we are so grateful for your support, and thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts. There are two more special thank yous we'd like to write about here in this newsletter. Many thanks to Canine Commissary (independently owned premium pet food store) who has helped Straydog faithfully for over 10 years by giving us great discounts, week after week. Also, we wanted to bring awareness to a new company that sells premium dog food made in the U.S. that has a 'give back' program that helps shelters like Straydog all over the country. When someone purchases any of the four kinds of FreeHand food, the same amount of FreeHand RescueONE food is donated to shelters like Straydog. We have been fortunate to receive this good food and our dogs love the taste. FreeHand dog food is available at Canine Commissary and Rohde's Nursery and Nature Store in Garland

(where Straydog is a recipient to receive the donations). Thank you to Canine Commissary (www.caninecommissary.net), Rohde's Nursery (www.beorganic.com) and FreeHand (www.lendafreehand.com) for your giving spirit and help to Straydog!

Save the date! Another fun Straydog fundraising event is coming up after the holidays! We have the date set for our **Luv a Pup Valentine's Concert** at the lovely Plaza Theater in Garland, TX. Come listen to some great performers, Sunday, **February 10th**, at 4 p.m. We'll have delicious desserts and possibly some pups outside. More information will be coming to you soon.

As the holidays are upon us, to help further support our dogs, please consider making a donation to Straydog in honor of a friend or loved one as an upcoming holiday gift. We will send acknowledgment to your honored one, letting them know of your gift to Straydog.

And, please remind everyone you know to spay and neuter their pets as this is the only solution to eliminate the over-population problem, which will end the needless euthanasia of our surplus, precious companion animals, and which will also tremendously reduce the high cost of maintaining no-kill shelters.

The rewarding work at Straydog is ongoing. We never let up as our commitment is 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. **Thank you again for your generous support for our mission and the rescues at Straydog.**

**Happy Holidays and Best Wishes,
from Bill, Juana, and everyone at Straydog!**

Erin Arnold Johnson, *founder's daughter*
Straydog, Inc.



Congratulations to Charlie Grona, a longtime Straydog supporter from Florida, the winner of the Golf Tournament Helicopter Ball Drop Raffle! --Also pictured are Fred the Cat, Bert the Basset and Junior, the Wire-haired Dachshund.

