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HALO FOODS AND FREE KIBBLE.COM HELP 32 RESCUES IN 5 STATES



On a very cold, icy morning we arrived at the warehouse to prepare for the rescues that would brave the ice and come to the warehouse to pick up pallets of Halo Spot Stew that had the day before been delivered from Halo Foods.

Thanks to FreeKibble.com and Halo Foods we had received a call asking us to help them distribute over 39,000 pounds of Halo Spot Stew. Well this was not hard. Rescues in Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida were thrilled when they began to receive emails asking if they



could use some help. Southwest Freight Lines arrived at Halo's warehouse and with two trucks loaded headed to Florida and Georgia.



It has always been the philosophy of the Sanctuary that we must work in the rural areas where there are no animal control agencies, no rules or laws and when people who just hardly have enough open their arms to the many animals that are dumped in their areas but more populated areas of the state. Nothing is more beautiful than to see the true appreciation of every bit of help they get. Susan, Laura, and Emily you guys inspire me. What you have to deal with in your areas is so overwhelming and yet you guys stand tall and move forward despite the odds against. I am humbly thrilled to be a friend. It is also our firm belief that all in rescue, despite differences in how we rescue, need to help and support each other.

The donations that are made from FreeKibble.com and Halo Foods make a huge difference to the lives of many dogs. There are not enough words to state what their donations mean to so many of



us. Looking on the surface, yes, it means that several rescues do not have to buy food for a short period of time. But when you look below the surface value of these donations its much more complicated and emotional.

Many animals taken into rescues are severely abused or neglected. The quality of the food itself lends a huge hand in helping those animals survive what has been done to them. Those with rickets



have a higher chance of their legs correcting themselves, those with mange have a high chance of healing faster. Those that have been starved



surely benefit the most as these foods begin to heal them from the inside out.

Without the donations many animals would be lost. In estimating how many dogs would be fed from this last donation from Halo it was close to 2,600 dogs in the 32 rescues. Truly these dogs are very happy dogs as you can see in the pictures.

We wish to thank the unending work of Mimi and her family at FreeKibble.com. To thank and recognize the kindness of Halo Foods and other corporations who take the time to see the needs in a rescue, and who make a commitment to do something about it. We are truly thankful for each and every person who was involved in this great gift and for each animal they took the time to save.

Truly one can see that NO ONE person is great. It is a long chain of people that save each animal or make great things happen. To each, from the people at Halo – to Mimi and her family – to the rescues themselves – the truck drivers and Southwest – to the two Warehouses that opened their doors– -to each volunteer – rescue director – kennel worker – trainer etc. we can only say....





DIKU'S ANGEL

While in Georgia for the Halo distribution I was asked to take in a 14 year old Miniature Poodle. The dog had been the wife's dog and the

husband could not take care of it any more since the wife had passed. I agreed. What was carried into my hotel room was not what I expected and shock would not be the word to describe what greeted me.



He had no name then. All one could see what a filthy matted body with greenish pus coming from the mouth. He had some off behaviors and at the time we did not know why, of course we soon found out.



This little boy was nothing but skin and bones, and boy did he stink. We began the process of getting his eyes freed from mats and also around the top of his lip. He was in a great deal of pain and would scream as we were carefully cutting around his mouth. When done this little love did nothing but want to be next to you and get attention. Although I had sworn he would not sleep on the bed as he was filthy and the pus was flowing out his mouth I could not bear to see his discomfort and wrapped him in a baby blanket and laid him next to me. He was so thankful. I called HS Inverness and asked if I could drop him off for Dr. Fox to examine on my way back. Donna and Larry did a bit more investigation and we found out that the dog had been locked in a shed, had been attacked by another dog or two and might possibly have a fractured jaw.

Upon examination we found that the infection in his mouth was so bad it was moving into his system and had affected the back eye wall of his



eyes, With the infection so severe in his mouth and Dr Fox could not tell if the fractured jaw was from the infection or another animal or at the hands of a human and we will not speculate as to how other than that this dog had not been taken care of. The mats were so thick and heavy that he could not urinate properly beings his penis was matted to the skin on his stomach.

Magoo we named him for the funny squint on his face. Dr. Fox performed surgery to remove all of his teeth. Not one could be saved. We could not fix the fractured jaw as the infection was so bad it possibly might have caused another break in the jaw in its repair.



Magoo is now being fed with a bottle that has the top of the nipple cut off so that he can let the drops fall in his mouth. Today though he did manage to get a few licks of the bowl in – he is weak after this severe a surgery and his age and is being pampered. What has happened to him should happen to no dog and we pray that the owner gets his just deserts.

He greeted me coming home with a small noise and stood up to take the few steps to the large crate door. He cannot walk too many steps but each day he is improving. We look forward to loving him and giving him as long a life as we can. Truly he deserves that after what this little guy (he weighs 5 pounds and should be about 12) has endured.

If you would like to help with Magoo's care you can do so by sending a donation via PayPal (www.paypal.com) to SARefuge@aol.com

MAGOO WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT ITS IMPORTANT TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR DOGS TEETH

Dogs have teeth. This comes as no surprise. Now, be honest, how many of you actually consider brushing your dog's teeth? Now, how many actually take a toothbrush and brush their dog's teeth once a day? If you answer yes to both questions, you are in the minority. While many people have made the decision to brush their dog's teeth frequently, others still either brush them irregularly. There are still people who do not brush the teeth at all.

There are good reasons why you need to brush a dog's teeth. If you allow plaque to increase, you face the conditions of tartar build up. In the case of greyhounds and poodles, a lack of brushing can insure a greater instance of bad teeth and breath and infections. These breeds are more susceptible to such things. This is unusual since most dogs have few instances of cavities.

While many vets now do basic veterinary care, such as cleaning and plaque removal, your darling may require a visit to a Veterinary Dentist. This may not only be expensive, but requires anesthesia.

While there are specific bones designed to help you keep your dog's breath fresh and teeth pearly white, you might want to consider or reconsider brushing. It is really not that difficult if you start them as a pup. It is adult dogs who may encapsulate the meaning of the word challenge.

Whether your first attempt is an older dog or a puppy, the process is the same. You quietly approach the dog and flip up its gums. You gently touch its gums and teeth, praising good behavior all the while. You then let the dog go. Later you repeat this process until the dog is used to it.

The next step is to utilize a soft, damp washcloth. Again, you lift up the gums. This time, you use the cloth, running it across and over the gums and teeth. Polish the teeth. It is an action similar to that of the toothbrush. Leave the animal. Come back and repeat several times before you finally move on to a brush.

Before you use a toothbrush, make sure it is acceptable. You require a soft bristled one. Alternatively, some people do utilize baby brushes. They are small, soft and fine. Dog paste is generally flavored in chicken or malt. This helps your dog enjoy the process. In fact, some dogs like to have their teeth brushed because of the toothpaste.



**Happy
Valentines Day
from the
Sanctuary**

OLIVE IN THE KITCHEN

Ingredients

- 2 cups water
- 2 bananas
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups flour (white or whole wheat)
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1 egg
- 3 tbsp. honey



Instructions

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Mash bananas in a large bowl. Mix in all the rest of the ingredients until well blended, and then pour into cupcake pans. Bake 20 minutes. These are great for birthdays! Some carob chips can be melted and used for "frosting." Feel free to add other ingredients such as sunflower seeds (without the shell), nuts, carob chips, shredded carrot, or diced apple. Crunchy peanut butter can be used instead of smooth. Whole wheat flour is always better than white. Extra treats or double batches can be frozen for the future.

The Sanctuary Wish List

Building Materials

We are in need of all building materials, which include lumber, fencing, nails, and cement. We could also use hammers, saws and rechargeable drills.

Sheds, any size or shape.

Dog Houses, all sizes, *most of our residents are over 70lbs.

Transport Vehicle

We are always in need of the following:

Food Bowls	Leashes and Collars	Wire Crates-all sizes	Blankets	Bleach
Cat Trees	Cat Litter	Can Dog and Cat Food	X-Pens	Pine sol
Puppy Pads	Towels	Dog Beds	Cat Beds	

We can also use the following medications: Antibiotics, Syringes, Vaccines, Tylan, Baytril Bactrim, Methadoziale, Cephalexin, Flea and Tick Medications, Heartworm Medications, Albon Clavamox Liquid, Doxycycline, Wormers.

*****We are in need of a volunteer to do our webpage and another to keep our listing current on pet finder. Please email jnpdorsey@aol.com if you are the volunteer we are looking for!**

"Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden , where doing nothing was not boring--it was peace."

- Milan Kundera



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