



TRANSPORT

When the difference
between
death and a home
is a *ride*.



Where do they come from?

- Spay/neuter mindset has been slow to catch on in South
- Old family homes with multiple outside dogs
 - Dogs came and went
 - Weren't spayed/neutered
 - Produced a litter or two of pups/year

- Outdoor Culture
 - Most of us have grown up with a smaller “indoor” dog
 - Larger outdoor dog(s)
 - Fed, sometimes vetted, often given house with straw for winter
 - Few ever spay/neuter
 - Produced annual litters
 - Outdoor or yard cats produced copious numbers of kittens.

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- Lower income families/seniors
 - Want pleasure of pet ownership
 - Find vet care and spay/neuter challenging
 - Annual care can cost over \$200, more for illness
 - Spays can cost over \$250
 - Neuters can cost over \$100
 - Limited access to affordable vet services in high poverty areas



- Hunting Influences

- Remain fixture in Southern states *and always will*
- Ingrained part of culture
- 5 or 6 hunting dogs in kennel in back, often more
- Breed a litter every few years to continue breeding line of best dogs
- Give away extras as pets, seldom spayed or neutered



Commercial Puppy Producers

- Mom and Pop back yard breeders with 25 dogs that breed to supplement income, pups never s/n
- Mid-tier commercial breeders with 25-100 breeding animals that are bred for profit, pups never s/n
- Large mass Puppy Mill breeders with in excess of 200 breeding dogs, many breeds – concentrating on most popular breeds – Sell through pet stores or “Farm Raised in Loving Home” Internet sales

Is this how dogs should live?



Who is not the problem?

- AKC breeders breeding a litter every couple of years primarily for show purposes
 - Produce healthy puppies
 - Sell with spay/neuter contracts
 - Take back dogs if owner cannot keep them
- Hobby and Activity breeders – breeding a litter every few years
 - Keep most pups or place with friends/other enthusiasts
 - Breed healthy dogs capable of sport and leisure purposes
 - Few that are sold go on spay/neuter contracts



Responsible Breeders



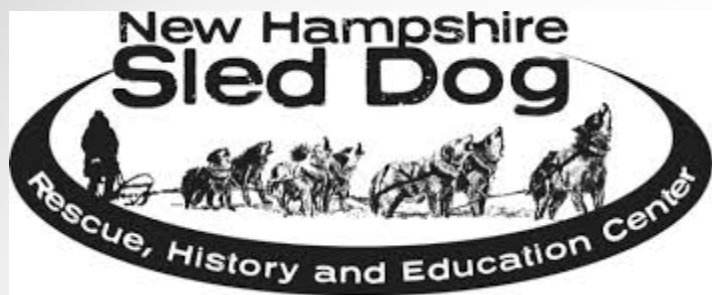
Beginning to see changes

- Pet overpopulation widely publicized
- Idea of rescue is becoming more popular
- Advent of low cost spay/neuter services
 - Humane Societies
 - Rescue Groups
 - Community Organizations offering spay/neuter clinics



Biggest Changes

- Advent of Rescue
 - Breed Specific Rescues
 - Often Under Auspices of AKC Breed Clubs
 - Breed Type Rescues
 - Medically Challenged Dog Rescues
 - Old Dog Rescues





- Advent of Transport
 - Breed Rescues
 - Local groups
 - Individuals
 - Newest type
 - Actual Organized Transport Groups



Transport comes in all sizes



Howl on Wheels



Transport Groups

- East Coast Paws Transport
 - 3 caring women in New England
 - Saw a need to save dogs in the South
 - Saw a desire for adoptable dogs in North
 - Formed Facebook Group
 - Currently 4139 volunteer members that drive and/or organize runs
 - Runs are from legitimate, organized 501(c)3 rescue groups and animal shelters in the South
 - To Legitimate, organized 501(c)3 rescue organizations in North

Average Weekend

- East Coast Paws Volunteers move 40-50 dogs



Saturday, October 22nd

LEG #1 Columbia, SC to Charlotte, NC / 92 miles / 1 Hour 30 min (via I-77)

9:00am - 10:30am

Adults: Haley 45 lbs, Maddie 45 lbs, (Rusty 15 lbs)*

Puppies: (Willow 20 lbs)*, (Brindle 15 lbs)*, (Thomas 5 lbs)*

Thank You Pat D.

Leg #2 Charlotte, NC to Greensboro, NC / 92 miles / 1 hour 25 mins

10:50am - 12:15pm

Adults: Haley 45 lbs, Maddie 45 lbs, (Rusty 15 lbs)*

Puppies: (Willow 20 lbs)*, (Brindle 15 lbs)*, (Thomas 5 lbs)*

Thank You Marsue B. (Rusty 15 lbs)*, (Willow 20 lbs)*, (Brindle 15 lbs)*, (Thomas 5 lbs)*

Thank You Norm T. Haley 45 lbs, Maddie 45 lbs

LEG #3 Greensboro, NC to Durham, NC / 54 miles / 55 mins

12:35pm - 1:30pm

Adults: Haley 45 lbs, Maddie 45 lbs, (Rusty 15 lbs)*

Puppies: (Willow 20 lbs)*, (Brindle 15 lbs)*, (Thomas 5 lbs)*

Thank You Pat B.

LEG #4 Durham, NC to South Hill, VA / 72 miles / 1 hour 5 mins

1:50pm - 2:55pm

Adults: Haley 45 lbs, Maddie 45 lbs, (Rusty 15 lbs)*

Puppies: (Willow 20 lbs)*, (Brindle 15 lbs)*, (Thomas 5 lbs)*

Thank You Sara N.

LEG 5# South Hill, VA to Richmond, VA / 90 miles / 1 hour 30 mins

3:15pm - 4:45pm

Adults: Haley 45 lbs, Maddie 45 lbs, (Rusty 15 lbs)*

Puppies: (Willow 20 lbs)*, (Brindle 15 lbs)*, (Thomas 5 lbs)*

Thank You Cindy B. DOUBLE

LEG #6 Richmond, VA to Fredericksburg, VA / 57 miles / 1 hour

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Adults: Haley 45 lbs, Maddie 45 lbs, (Rusty 15 lbs)*

Puppies: (Willow 20 lbs)*, (Brindle 15 lbs)*, (Thomas 5 lbs)*

Thank You Cindy B. DOUBLE

Transporters

Properly secure crates

Exercise dogs at each transfer

Water at each transfer

Food and exercise at overnight stop



Crates are labeled with names

Properly sized for dog

Kept cool or warm by season

Disinfected between uses

Pups receive special care

Pups transported “no paws on ground”

Exercised on clean cardboard only

Monitored closely for water intake and dehydration

Receive high calorie supplement at every other stop

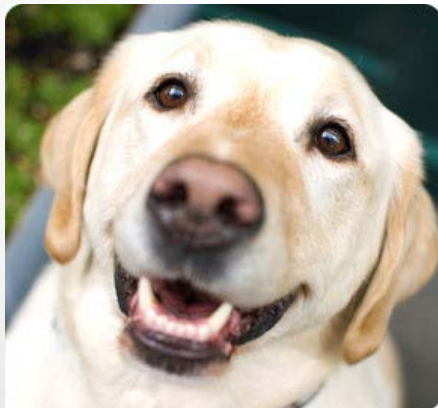




- All dogs must have state required vaccinations, for states coming from, passing through and going to
- Up to date Health Certificate
- All dogs must be spayed or neutered
- All dogs must be healthy and fit to travel



- All dogs must be temperamentally appropriate for transport handling and adoption
- Dogs go to rescues/foster homes and are NEVER sold in parking lots or at flea markets
- If a dog placements does not work out, dog is reclaimed by rescue and money is refunded
- ECP funds two low cost spay/neuter clinics, one in Marion, SC and one in Dublin, GA

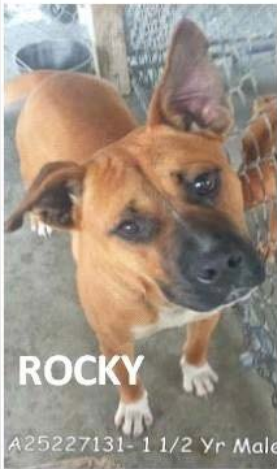


Volunteer Transporters

- Must investigate and be sure that the dogs are being moved **from** a legitimate animal shelter
- **To** a legitimate rescue with foster homes and placement services
- Transporters must refuse to carry any animal that appears ill, temperamentally unsuitable for transport, or that does not have required appropriate documentation
- Any dog becoming ill during a transport must be immediately removed from the transport and taken to a licensed Veterinarian for appropriate care



Transports





Bottom Line

- What is cost of Transports to
 - State of South Carolina?
 - Citizens of South Carolina?
 - Tax Payers of South Carolina?





Transport saves SC money

- Rescues pay shelters for all vaccines and spay/neuter surgery
- Empties spot in shelter for another needy dog
- Greatly reduces euthanization rate, saving money and improving shelter morale

- Cuts the number of daily dogs in shelter
 - Less food costs
 - Less Veterinary costs
 - Less maintenance and man hour costs
- Some dog breeds (hounds/labs/hunting type dogs) are not easily placed in SC, but are highly adoptable in the North



- Volunteer transporters pay for their own gas (can deduct from taxes at 14 cents/mile as charitable donation)
- Volunteer transporters do not charge anything for their transport services



Transport done right is a WIN/WIN/WIN

Dog



Adopter

And for South Carolina

