



UnderDog Rescue of Florida



UnderDog Rescue's stellar reputation of excellence has been demonstrated in the community and throughout Florida for nearly a decade, known for always doing what is feasibly best for each dog. We are one of the few that accept dogs who are heartworm infected, injured, or require more extensive care. We truly are for the "underdogs"!

Since the declined economy, we are contacted DAILY by owners, shelters, and other sources asking us to accept unwanted dogs. And many overcrowded shelters have changed their policies, making it easier to quickly euthanize healthy, social, loving dogs. Our county alone euthanized 12,000 dogs last year. UnderDog Rescue is typically one of the first groups to be contacted to assist with dogs whose lives would otherwise be destroyed.

UnderDog has worked hard to maintain superior quality of care while performing our due-diligence as an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(C)3, charitable organization. We subsist solely by reasonable adoption fees (which often don't cover the medical expenses) and donations. Other than minor expenses (event fees/office supplies) ALL monies collected go directly to the care of the dogs. We are seriously challenged as the need for rescue increases faster than our financial intake. For example:

- ◆ Formerly, we averaged 40-60 dogs in rescue at a time, but in 2013 the average was 120.
- ◆ Higher demand for rescue results in increased medical expenses - \$8,000 - \$10,000 per month! UnderDog has teamed with a highly-skilled group of veterinarians who provide discounted vetting, but volume still means higher monthly expenses.
- ◆ SNIGLET'S DOG BAKERY hosts our monthly adoption event in Sarasota on each 1st Saturday to provide the dogs increased exposure in the community, improve overall rescue awareness, and increase adoptions (advanced background checks and home visits are required). We also recently held a "Puppy Palooza" event to gain exposure for the unusually high amount of puppies in the group; several now have new homes!
- ◆ ABC's My Suncoast News - Channel 7 provides a weekly spotlight featuring an UnderDog every Tuesday during the noon hour.
- ◆ UnderDog's volunteer foster network has increased by over 10%.
- ◆ A professional groomer, Cindy Jenkins, donates her grooming talents to our UnderDogs.
- ◆ A volunteer has created a well-received Face Book page, providing updates nearly daily, making it easy and fun to follow our progresses.
- ◆ A volunteer webmaster maintains our site with frequent updates, photos, notices and public awareness messages.
- ◆ UnderDog partners with other groups and participates in local festivals. We will attend Manatee's Canine Christmas event on November 16th, 2013. UnderDog is also working on a "Seniors for Seniors" program in December, 2013.

UnderDog Rescue has saved thousands of neglected/abused/unwanted dogs throughout Florida. We do this through a network of support, yet without ongoing support, we cannot make such a positive impact in so many lives. We sincerely appreciate the UnderDog friends and family who share in this needed, unselfish cause.

Thank you for YOUR support!