

GIVE A DOG A BONE



Sit.
Stay.
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FORGOTTEN DOGS

Not all dogs at the city shelter are strays. Not all are runaways or surrendered by owners. Not all are available for adoption.

One group of dogs is never seen by the public.

They are the dogs in custody, required by the courts to be held until their legal situation has been resolved. Custody dogs are brought to the shelter for many different reasons. Some have been abandoned in old cars or on the side of the road; some have been beaten, starved, or made to fight. Others are waiting for owners who have been hospitalized, dislocated by disaster, evicted, or arrested. Still others come to us covered in mange, victims of severe medical neglect. Whatever their background, custody dogs are caught in the human



HOLLY & BUSTER

legal system, kenneled for weeks, months, or even a year: time the dogs endure without any knowledge of why they are there.

Give a Dog a Bone is changing the bleak existence of these dogs every day, one chew toy, one play session, one belly-rub at a time.



BRUTUS

WHO WE ARE

Give a Dog a Bone provides San Francisco's custody dogs with mental and physical stimulation they desperately need. In place of endless days of staring out from behind steel mesh, the dogs have play sessions in the yard, obedience training, and the calming touch of friendly hands. In their cages, they have blankets, stuffed toys, and a chewie. None of this would be possible without the donations of animal lovers such as you.

Why we need you

Give a Dog a Bone is a non-profit program, relying solely on outside funding. Some of the dogs we see have never known kindness, let alone a true dog life of companionship and play. Little by little, we rebuild their trust in humans and when we can, we find them new, loving homes. To continue this work, we need your help.



"The quality of life that Give a Dog a Bone's unique program offers to dogs in forced long-term shelter care has my admiration and support."

TONY LARUSSA
Founder, Animal Rescue Foundation
Manager, St. Louis Cardinals



BERNIE

DINGO

WHAT WE DO FOR THE DOGS

Exercise in the yard providing fresh air and the chance to run around

Play with tennis balls and agility equipment, with tug toys and frisbees

Train the dogs basic manners vital to improving their chances for finding a home

Touch providing affection as we hold, cuddle, and pet the dogs

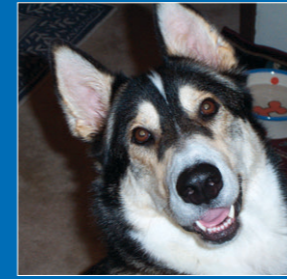
Stimulate with chew toys and stuffed Kongs provided for long hours in the cage



"Give a Dog a Bone
enriches the lives of this
city's most deprived animals.
We are proud to support them."

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CONTROL AND WELFARE**
City and County of San Francisco

(LEFT TO RIGHT)
BENNY, ANGELICA, IVAN & GWEN



MAGGIE'S STORY

In November, 2001, San Francisco Animal Care & Control sent two officers to check on a complaint regarding a dog. On site, they found a skeletal Siberian Husky mix in a small room without food or water. Her name was Maggie. In the shelter her black, tarry stool, and thin, greasy coat gave away that she had been starved. She hid in the back of her kennel, and didn't move or respond to humans.

The GADAB volunteers approached Maggie with the patience and skill essential when dealing with abused dogs. Staying low to the ground, they sat outside her kennel and talked gently to her, tossing her bits of hot dog. After two weeks, she was confident enough with the volunteers to take little trips around the facility. Maggie was afraid of strangers, but also of stairs, elevators, phones, people with sunglasses or in uniform; things she had never seen before. She thrived during dog play sessions, though, and loved to be groomed.

Over time, Maggie developed into the playful and affectionate dog she should have been from the outset. Still distressed at being in the shelter—her kennel possibly too similar to her previous situation—it was the best outcome imaginable when she was adopted by a GADAB volunteer, Anne. To begin with, Anne recalls, Maggie displayed all the telltale signs of an abused dog: hiding under tables, dropping onto her back with her tail tucked when approached, or she jumped away and refused to eat if Anne made any movement after setting down the food bowl. She has since learned that beatings are a thing of the past. "When we are out now," Anne says, "she rubs herself against people's legs like a cat."

As a remnant of her torturous past, Maggie will always have stomach problems. But she is happy, well-fed, and safe—a treasured companion and friend. These days, her greatest worry is where she has put her favorite blue rope toy.



GADAB

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"These dogs are true victims. Having someone to work specifically with the neediest of the needy could literally be the difference between life and death for many of them."

CARL FRIEDMAN, Executive Director
Department of San Francisco Animal Care & Control

"The ASPCA National Shelter Outreach Department is proud to award a 'Partners in Caring' grant to **Give a Dog a Bone** for their innovative program. **GADAB** exemplifies how successful partnerships between volunteer/non-profit groups and municipal agencies can make a positive difference for the needy animals in a community."

SAM MARSTELLAR, Western Region Manager, ASPCA

Give a Dog a Bone was awarded a Certificate of Honor by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, February 2003.



Corinne Dowling, Founder and Director of **Give a Dog a Bone**, being presented with the 2002 Humanitarian Award by San Francisco SPCA President Edward Sayres at the Bark & Whine Ball.

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