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## SAGE AND THE SPICE PUPPIES.\*\* PREGNANT YOUNG BOXER-GOING IN GAS CHAMBER EARLY THIS WEEK\*\*

Sage was abandoned at a high kill rural shelter in Georgia. About to give birth Sage only had a few hours left before she was due to be killed. This unfortunately is the fate of many hundreds of dogs in Georgia.

A handful of rescue groups in various locations from New York to California were networking to help save her life, but due to her imminent delivery they did not think she would be able to make a long trip.

Sage's predicament was brought to our attention and two of our volunteers raced to take her from the shelter before it was too late.

Safe and in loving hands,



away from the noisy and cold shelter Sage relaxed and after a warm bath and some good food to eat sleep overcame her.

Sage was very pregnant so she was taken to our vets where an x-ray was taken. Sage was about to become a mother to 10 or maybe 11 puppies some-

time within the next week.

So our preparations began and we waited, so did Sage.



## SPRING FEVER

### Simple Solutions for Dry Skin and Coat.

Does your dog's coat lose its luster in winter? Or, does your dog seem to continually itch from fall to spring? Winter's cold, dry weather and the increased air circulation, forced heat, and lowered humidity of

your home all take a toll on your dog's skin and coat health. In fact, winter skin and coat problems are common concerns of most dog owners. However, there are simple ways to help keep your dog's coat beautiful and skin healthy.

**PROBLEM:** Dull Hair coat  
**SOLUTION:** Loss of coat luster can be due to a variety of factors. These can include some health concerns, such as hormonal imbalances, parasites, and allergies. However, the most common cause of a dull hair coat is poor nutri-

## SAGE AND THE SPICE PUPPIES-2-5-09

In fact we waited another week, including making another visit to the vets just to make sure everything was still going well and then it happened — Sage started having her babies.

So 18 days after her rescue - 10 beautiful puppies were brought into this world. It was a long day for Sage, it took her 9 hours but she did it with only one pup needing assistance from Sage's vol-

unteer human sister and aunt — thanks to them this little one made it.

Love, warmth, security and a wonderful home start have been provided for this little family, now they need to find their new forever families and homes. So if you know such a family tell them about this wonderful mum and her 10 fantastic babies—they beat the odds and all made it safe and sound.



## SPRING FEVER

tion. Lower levels of protein and essential fatty acids are common culprits.

Therefore, it is important that your dog is fed a diet rich in proteins, essential fatty acids, and more including Omega-6 fatty acids to help keep your dog's coat healthy. Supplement any diet with product that uses powerful marine lipids and flaxseed oil to help promote

soft, silky, and luxurious coats.

Here is the link to our web site with more information and help with Spring itch.

<http://animalsdeservebetter.com/adb/Seasonal.htm>

This information is provided by Animals Deserve Better Inc a 501 c (3) animal rescue and humane educational organization.

Please discuss any and all of these questions and solutions with your

veterinarian this information is for general purposes only. See your veterinarian for an accurate diagnosis.

### Sponsor a Special Needs Puppy Program

Provides vet care and food for a puppy or puppies that need extra attention. We will give you updates on the puppies' progress and pictures. An example of our special needs babies are those with a severe mange. As can be seen in this photo. This little one was treated and has since found a great home along with his brother.



## OUR VOLUNTEERS

Animals Deserve Better wishes to thank its volunteers who's help and dedication to saving lives we can not say enough about.

From our junior volunteers who socialize our pups and clean up after them at Sunday adoptions to our adults who open their homes and hearts to so many. Thank you



Harry's Fundraiser and the Atlanta Dog Jog

## THE CRUELTY OF ANIMAL GAS CHAMBERS

### Judge Issues Permanent Injunction Against Illegal Use of Gas Chambers in Georgia.

Update Mar. 23, 2009: Fulton County Superior Court Judge Tom Campbell of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit entered a permanent injunction against the Georgia Department of Agriculture on Mar. 12, 2009. The injunction prohibits the GDOA from continuing its practice of "authorizing, allowing", even "*encouraging*" the illegal use of gas chambers in public animal shelters. The order voided all licenses issued by GDOA to shelters that are violating the Georgia Humane Euthanasia Act in gassing dogs and cats. The order came in a lawsuit filed in 2007 for violations of the Georgia Humane Euthanasia Act which was passed in 1990. O.C.G.A. §4-11-5.1



Gas chamber in Georgia.

To read more about what is happening in Georgia Shelters and which is too disturbing to print in this newsletter please go to <http://www.animallawcoalition.com/gas-chambers/article/290> and <http://www.animallawcoalition.com/gas-chambers/article/695> Find your legislators and write or call and urge them to support Grace's Law and end the use of cruel, dangerous, outmoded and expensive gas chambers and cruel heartstick in Georgia. Send them the attached information. Ask your family, friends, veterinarian, co-workers and fellow students to write or call in support of Grace's Law.

So, PLEASE WRITE OR CALL Committee members and urge them to vote YES on Grace's Law, H.B. 606!

## MOTZART NEEDS YOUR HELP

Sweet Mozart came to us as an infant along with his 5 siblings after his mother was killed by a car. We nurtured him until adoption. Unfortunately, his adoptive family did not care for him. During our 6 month surprise home check we found he was tied up all day and placed in a cramped crate at night. His food was thrown on the ground and his choke collar was not adjusted and was very tight, so tight we had to cut it off his neck. This treatment contributed to poor bone development during his vital growth period as a puppy and has caused a deformity on both front legs making him severely pigeon toed. This ailment will continue to worsen over time and without surgery will lead to lameness and the inability to walk. Needless to day Mozart is back with us and no longer tied up or in a cramped crate.

The vet has X-rayed his legs and although the back ones have suffered they do not require surgery. However, Mozart will require surgery on both front legs to correct this condition. The vet suggests operating on one leg at a time with an 8 - 10 week recuperative period. The cost is \$1500 per leg. He is such a good spirit - he never complains and is always happy to meet new friends. He loves attention and we think he deserves all that he can get.

**Please donate to his surgery it is all tax deductible. You can submit through our paypal account at [adb@animalsdeservebetter.com](mailto:adb@animalsdeservebetter.com) or we take visa and mc too.**



## RECENT ADOPTION

Doe the Dalmatian was found abandoned in the woods, emaciate, starving and obviously suffering from severe neglect. Doe was brought home, treated for heartworms and fully vetted. Doe was with her family for 2 years until they broke apart and her dad had to travel so much that he felt Doe needed to find a new home and not be alone.

A wonderful family adopted Doe this month—a picture can say a thousand words. For all it was love at first sight.



Doe with her new mum and granddaughter in South Carolina.





## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Establish a Humane Education Program in schools and community organizations.

Establish a Disaster Relief Facility to provide temporary emergency care and shelter.

Reduce the number of animals being killed in rural and community shelters

### SOME OF OUR ADOPTABLE PUPS



Amber 6 year old



Clyde 2 years old



Ivan 8 months

### HUMANE EDUCATION AWARENESS AND WHAT WE CAN DO NOW TO PROTECT THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

#### Unnecessary Killing: SPAY AND NEUTER

In 2004, adults in this country made decisions that ultimately resulted in the unnecessary killing of over 8 million healthy companion animals! This is based on simple ignorance. Our children could make better decisions for the future if only given the proper information on which to base their decisions.

#### ABUSE: SPEAK UP AND REPORT IT

Every community has its problems. But, everyone would just be horrified by the statistics and stories given by their local police and animal control officers. The animals are unable to protect themselves or to report these actions. Additionally, many, who are aware of these atrocities, refuse to report the acts or even to address the perpetrators. We all have the responsibility to report these criminal acts.

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