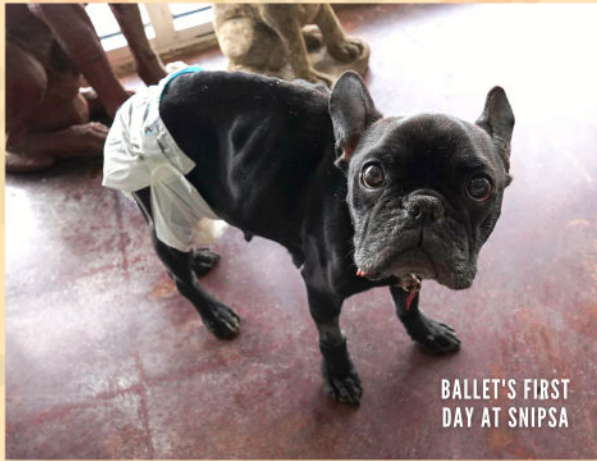


## BALLET DANCES INTO A BRIGHT FUTURE

Meet a pup who has recently taken center stage at SNIPSA. Ballet was found running in a field emaciated and heavily pregnant. Upon arrival at our partner shelter, it was determined her fetuses were no longer viable. She was taken immediately for an emergency spay surgery, and despite her poor health, she came through like a champ.

While Ballet was likely used for breeding, her past is not crystal clear. What we do know is that she is one of the sweetest and most gentle canines you will ever meet. Now in recovery, Ballet just needs some love and fattening up while her body recuperates from its recent trauma. So far, she has been very accepting of all the care she has received at SNIPSA. She seems to really like humans despite all that has happened, and befriends every new person she meets.

Ballet will continue to recover with SNIPSA for the next two weeks. The best part of the story? She has a very loving adoptive family waiting patiently to take her home.



BALLET'S FIRST DAY AT SNIPSA

If you'd like to contribute toward this fabulous frenchie's healing journey, please consider donating towards her care at [snipsa.org/sponsor-a-rescue](http://snipsa.org/sponsor-a-rescue).

*Bitch,  
Please*



**Q:** Dear "BP,"

My dog continues to bark at the doorbell. Doesn't he know I'm a grown ass adult and can take care of myself?

- *Adulting Since 1995*

## FOSTERS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER

The surge of homeless pets and strays arriving at area shelters has been relentless this past year, making our foster program more vital than ever. Texas shelters are at capacity which means as hard as shelter staff tries to place all their animals, euthanasia rates are at an all-time high.

Fostering saves lives and is personally rewarding. For those families with children, think of the wonderful memories they will have, in addition to teaching them to be great stewards for their community. We can't thank our foster families enough for all you do. We know you have a vested interest in your foster animals. The reward of knowing you helped give a homeless pet a chance at a good life is priceless.

Be our boots on the ground and shout it from the rooftops! Tell family, friends and neighbors about our foster program and the gratification that comes from SAVING LIVES!

## THE NUMBERS TELL A STORY

With the help of our wonderful volunteers and foster families, SNIPSA was able to do great things in 2022. The proof is in the pudding!



**A:** Dear Adulting Since 1985,

As seen through the eyes of your dog, they may consider you quite ungrateful. This week alone, they just saved you from three Amazon drivers, two DoorDashers and one Girl Scout trying to sell "things". What are they supposed to do? Feed you to the living dead that walk this earth?

Distinct barks in response to the doorbell are totally appropriate. Your dog is alerting you that someone is entering your space. There are usually two reasons your dog barks. They may be excited that people are arriving – this is the social butterfly of the dog world, or they may be trying to warn them off and defend you – after all, you're the reason they live and breathe.

The key is to get your dog to stop barking once you acknowledge your awareness of the visitor. Allow your dog to bark 3-4 times, then say "Quiet" – do not shout. Go to your dog and gently touch their muzzle and repeat "Quiet", call them away from the door, ask them to sit and give them a treat. If they stay beside you, and remain quiet, continue to give treats until the stimulus is gone. If they resume barking right away, repeat the sequence.

Continue this training tip until the desired behavior is learned. If your dog continues to put their life on the line to ensure your bloodline lives on, a trainer may be in your future.

- *The Bitch*