

## 600 DAYS AND COUNTING...

Meet Reecee! After the SNIPSA staff took a field trip to Animal Care Services in June of 2022, we left with a van full of animals. Amongst the rescues that day was Reecee and her siblings. It was soon discovered that Reecee had nerve damage and can't empty her bladder in its entirety. This has scared off most potential adopters, but the truth is...she's not much different from your average kitty! All she needs is a little assistance expressing her bladder a couple of times a day and then she is up and running. Her siblings were quickly adopted, and poor Reecee has been with us for well over 600 days. Her committed foster mom, Dr. Lotze, has gone above and beyond in providing for her care. A Velcro kitty through and through, Reecee loves her humans and other animals. Chalked full of personality, she enjoys her Churo sticks, laser pointer and morning head rubs. If you or anyone you know is interested in saving a life, please consider adopting this sweet kitty!



Want to give Reecee a second chance?  
Learn more at [snipsa.org/reecee](https://snipsa.org/reecee).

## DOUBLE THE DOGS = DOUBLE THE FUN



It's not very often you get to adopt out not one, but two rescues to one of your BFF's families!!! This was the case with a recent litter of cattle dogs we helped from a rural shelter just south of San Antonio. The family had recently lost their beloved collie mix, Roger, and were wrestling with the emptiness of not having a four-legged companion. So, after a few visits to the SNIPSA website, they settled on two littermates, Venetia and Elsbeth. We are pleased to share both are settling into their new Dallas home with ease and winning over the hearts of the entire family--most especially the son, John, who was so ready to do life again with a new buddy. It is no surprise these additions are often center stage in the family's text thread. We are so glad we could sprinkle some love up in North Texas!

## SNIPSA'S PET PICKS | KARA'S K9 & LONE STAR STATE K9

Are you looking for a way to socialize your dog? Or are you trying to brush up on their manners? We have two AMAZING pet partners that have helped us when we are most in need.

**Kara's K9 Retreat** is a wonderful cage-free doggy daycare that offers foster space for some of our higher energy dogs. Take Ranger for instance: this little guy is as crazy as he is cute, but it's nothing a little exercise won't conquer. Ranger is able to burn some calories playing with fellow canines and making new friends every day.



Want to adopt Ranger?  
Apply now at [snipsa.org/ranger](https://snipsa.org/ranger).

For our extra special pups who need just a bit more guidance, our friends at **Lone Star State K9** have provided fantastic board and train services. Even our most needy of dogs have been taught good citizenship and been transformed into eager-to-please family companions. We're SO grateful to both of these incredible partners for standing along side our mission.

## A: Dogstressed,

Look, I'm no therapist, but I can tell you a thing or two about cognitive health. There was a week where I fell off my walking routine and...ugh, my mental state went to the dogs.

Just like humans, we canines need certain tools in our lives to keep things gravy. By tools, I mean things like a safe space, a consistent feeding/walking schedule and, sometimes, "meds." Depending on what triggers your pup's anxiety, you may have to take different approaches to keep her from going Cujo. Let me better explain.

If your furry roomie starts ripping up your belongings when you leave, don't leave your stuff out. Too lazy to pick up? Consider using a kennel. Contrary to popular belief, kennels are a tool that helps keep your beloved things--and your DOG--free from harm. If you're worried about her being confined, offer a frozen Kong or put on a good soap opera. I'll let you in on a little secret, though. Dogs mostly sleep during the day anyway.

When it comes to car rides, there are a few approaches you can take. First, you can start your pet off with short trips to get her used to the idea. A couple of rounds to Starbucks for pup cups? Okay, not so bad. For longer escapades, take her on a long walk before leaving. Tire your dog out enough, and she may just snooze through the journey.

Now, fireworks can be a little tricky. You could try wearing down ol' gal or locking her in a bathroom, sure. But YOU will be stressed about YOUR PET being stressed, and--let's face it. You'll probably have to babysit.

That's when medication comes in. Talk to your vet about Gabapentin, Trazadone and other chill pills that can keep your dog level-headed. There ain't no shame in the medicine game!

- The Bitch

Bitch,  
Please



## Q: Dear "BP,"

My dog has so much ANXIETY. She freaks out when I'm not home, she hates car rides and don't get me started on fireworks. How can I get her to calm down?!

- Dogstressed