

3 years in “rescue” and poor Frankie still hasn’t had a chance to find a real home. 3 long years of life in boarding. From a crate to an indoor/outdoor run but never a shot to be in an actual home. Never networked, never given a chance.

Too many people in rescue and even lots who aren’t, get so stuck on this “no kill nation” and seem to forget that there’s far worse fates than going to sleep and being free of mental and/or physical torture.

Dogs are pack animals who need and absolutely deserve much more than just the basics of food, water and shelter. They need socialization, mental and physical stimulation, training, structure and freedom to just be a dog.

All things that a life in a boarding facility can’t give them. (I don’t care what facility it is either or how much the staff care for the dogs. Long term kennel/crate life is NOT IT. It’s also not the boarding staffs’ responsibility to take over care until further notice)

Let me remind you that I too have been a kennel worker who loved the dogs at the facility deeply, like my own, Frankie was just one of those dogs, but I was still able to recognize the damage being done to the dogs who sat day in and out for years with just the basics of life. My love alone couldn’t save them .

Love is nice but dogs need much more than just love.

It’s become far too common for “rescues/rescuers” to swoop in with their Facebook hero capes on, to cherry-pick the dogs and even cats with sad stories only to fail them long term. Once the next sad story takes the attention away from that said animal, they no longer matter. Updates come in slower and slower eventually become nonexistent. That dog that had everyone in an uproar to “save” now sits forgotten once again.

Just like Frankie and the countless other dogs like her who share a very similar story.

I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again , THIS IS NOT RESCUE. If you are still supporting this pattern of behavior in any form, then you too are adding to this problem. You are now also a problem.

If there is anyone who is left on my “friends” list that thinks it’s acceptable to pull dogs with pledges or sad stories to reel in donations, only to leave them in boarding indefinitely, then please delete yourself. You really need to rethink your morals.

I have to add that I know saving dogs takes money and manpower, which is often extremely hard to get. Dogs with medical issues and/or behavioral issues (like Frankie has been known to have can be harder to find homes for, very true) MY issues comes when those issues no longer matter to the rescue and when they aren’t even addressed. I’m no expert but I’ve never known

of any medical or behavioral issues to just go away or get better with nothing more than life in a cage offered to them. Then to see the “rescue” turn around and continuously pull more dogs without ever addressing the long term dogs with issues in their program is just downright cruel and shady. Forgetting dogs in boarding for years because they are not perfect...THAT'S NOT RESCUE!

I hope and pray that Frankie and the others like her get a chance very soon. 3 years + of waiting for even a foster home has to be agonizing. Why doesn't Frankie matter like the cute, easy puppies or the high dollar adoption fee pure bred dogs?

Take this as a reminder to never follow anyone blindly. Always lead with your head and not your heart. Ask question! Follow up on dogs that are “safe” and demand transparency for all “rescues” not just some. And always remember that not everything you see on social media is what it seems.

Frankie deserves to have a voice and shouldn't be hidden anymore.

Click below to see Frankie's Shelter Plea
[Original Shelter Post](#)





Houston & Harris County Animal Volunteers

Jul 12, 2018 · 🌐

7/14-Francesca is out of the shelter with A Chance to Bloom Dog Rescue! Freedom pics in thread.

7/12- We are absolutely thrilled to say Francesca officially has a rescue hold! Hang on, sweet girl! Brighter days are ahead!!!

I have spent most of my life feeling pretty worthless. If being a black dog with a saggy tummy from so many litters wasn't bad enough, I have these terrible cherry eyes and heartworms. They say my vet bill won't be cheap, but there is a wonderful rescue that wants to save me, but they need help!

Per cherry eye, surgery is estimated to cost \$250-\$500.

Spay \$80-\$150

Heartworm treatment \$400-\$600

Transport out of state \$300

So even if nothing goes wrong, my bills are going to cost over \$1,000. You all have already donated \$265 for me which seems like so much money, but



\$265 for me which seems like so much money, but sadly it isn't enough to cover my vet bills. I'm so grateful so many people cared enough to donate for me already!

Is my life worth how much it will cost to save me?

Please help me feel valuable and worthy for once in my life. Every dollar makes a difference. 100% goes directly to the rescue that saves her once freedom photos are posted in the comments for everyone to see. If she isn't saved for ANY reason, your donation is REFUNDED IN FULL! Just say it is for Francesca in the notes while checking out.

[paypal.me/pupitforward](https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/pupitforward)

See her video here: <https://www.facebook.com/houstonandharriscountyanimalvolunteers/videos/776095259181383/>

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