

What's that cage on our block?

It's an animal rescue cage to help the stray dogs roaming our neighborhood be rehabilitated and adopted to good homes.

Dear Edgefield Ave. Neighbors,

I'm Jacqueline, your neighbor at 908 N. Edgefield Ave. You may have seen posts on Next Door about a handful of stray dogs roaming the neighborhood. My family got involved because when I was walking with my daughter one day we came across one of the dogs we saw posted on Next Door and tried to catch him. I posted on Next Door that I was following him and asked if anyone was around to help.

Gypsy Dog Ops of Oak Cliff (you can find them on Facebook) reached out and helped us develop a plan to help this dog (who we named "Trapper"). Because of the gash on his neck we thought the best strategy was to set a cage with food so we wouldn't risk injuring his neck further – that's the cage in front of our house.

It's a Dallas Animal Services trap and only authorized persons from the City and Gypsy Dog Ops are allowed to touch it – it's the law. I can't even touch it even though it's on my property.

Please help us help these dogs and follow these guidelines for neighbors who have a dog rescue trap on their block.

PLEASE:

1. Don't park in front of the trap or drive by and rubberneck. We want to avoid anything that would make the dogs hesitant to go near it and they avoid traffic.
2. Walk your dogs across the street. We have food in the trap and your dog may want to go near it and we wouldn't want them to get stuck.
3. Don't touch the trap - ever. You could trigger the closure preventing us from catching the dogs. Plus, it's illegal.
4. If you see a dog or a cat in the live trap, please text this number: 214.417.4142 and let us know. The trap is being monitored all day everyday - but feel free to let us know. You may also call 311 - but make sure to do both. Texting this number will facilitate a faster pick up for the trap. We have a hot line to a DAS supervisor that the 311 operator does not and then PLEASE LEAVE THE TRAP AND DOG OR CAT ALONE. Dallas Animal Services will come ASAP to help the animal and Gypsy Dog Ops will work the adoption/rescue.
5. Don't feed the dogs when they're roaming about. Gypsy Dog Ops has feeding stations for them, but we also want them to be attracted to the food in the trap.

If you have any questions or are interested in fostering or adopting any of the dogs we are able to rescue, please contact Gypsy Dog Ops at: doglady@gypsydogops.com. Thank you for your time and attention. Together, hopefully we can help these strays get healthy and find loving homes!

**Sincerely, your neighbors,
Jacqueline from 908 & Fran from Gypsy Dog Ops**

PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED FACEBOOK POST THAT HAS IMPORTANT INFO FROM GYPSY DOG OPS ABOUT THIS PROCESS!
THANK YOU.



Gypsydog Ops added 4 new photos.

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This is for the Oak Cliff neighborhoods, especially: Winnetka Heights / Kings Highways / Sunset Hill / Bishop Arts. We have been tracking two sets of dogs that have now combined to make one pack. Hurray! That is actually good. We're hoping the more social dog will show the less social dog she doesn't need to clear the zip code when someone comes around. You all probably know them all by now:

1. Blackish brown dog with "white patch" who runs with
2. Medium "brown dog"
3. They have hooked up large brindle looking dog that had an injured/ cut neck from the Kings Highway area. That dog has been posted on Nextdoor quite a bit. We call that dog "Trapper".
4. The Yorkie

How can you help?

1. Please DO NOT feed them. We have set up a feeding schedule that will help establish trust with one person and keep them in a designated area. This one person is authorized to set and monitor the city live trap and has a hotline to DAS when the dogs are trapped. Not feeding them will keep them in an area where we currently have a trap or will move the trap. They will get plenty of food and water at the feeding stations. The designated person was in 5 feet of them today for over 20 minutes. They look relatively healthy and are getting enough to eat.
2. Please do NOT slow down as you drive by them - it will cause "white patch" to get up and walk out into traffic. They seriously know to stay away from slow moving cars. If you want to know more about why that is - buy me a cup of coffee or meet me at Nova and I'll explain. Just don't do it - you will endanger them. Please do not approach them - same thing, it will cause them to walk out into traffic.
3. PLEASE tag Fran Gaconnier on facebook / PM / text or call me when you see them. Knowing where and what time they are seen will help establish a path / schedule. All pack dogs have a preferred route and a general schedule. If we know this info, there are things we can do that will lead them to the general area of the trap. This will be VERY helpful!!
4. Start working your rescue contacts - when we catch them, they are going to need help. They are large breed dogs. One is VERY fearful and unsocial. They are not pretty fluffy little dogs that are easily adopted. The more notice the better. Start asking around now!
5. If you see a dog or a cat in the live trap (a trap in our neighborhood), text this number: 214.417.4142 and let us know. The trap is being monitored all day everyday - but feel free to let us know. You may also call 311 - but make sure to do both. Texting this number will facilitate a faster pick up for the trap. We have a hot line to a DAS supervisor that the 311 operator does not.

Give us a shout if you have any questions or concerns. It will take a village to help these dogs for sure!!!

And remember, good things can come from trapping the dogs. First, the dogs are no longer in danger of being hit by cars, attacked by other loose dogs, getting in fights over lady dogs, breeding and making more unwanted dogs, and they are not chasing bikers, joggers, cats or kids, and most importantly, they are just safe. There are many, many worse things than being compassionate and humanly euthanized - and we have seen that even within this pack. One of the dogs has been hit by a car, one of the dogs has had a large wound around its neck. They are constantly crossing main roads. But keep in mind - when we catch them, our goal is to help them.

We have already picked up three other loose dogs while tracking this pack and all three of those dogs have now been spayed, neutered, vaccinated, microchipped (by Friday) and two have been adopted into fabulous families and the third one is going into a rescue group on Friday. Good things can happen when we trap the dogs - it is the first step towards a new life for these dogs and a big step towards promoting a spay and neuter culture in our city and towards making our neighborhoods a better place to live for both people and animals.