

Good Deeds



THE STARFISH

I awoke early, as I often did, just before sunrise, to walk by the ocean's edge and greet the new day.

As I moved through the morning dawn, I focused on a faint, far away motion. I saw a youth, bending and reaching and flailing arms, dancing on the beach, no doubt in celebration of the perfect day soon to begin.

As I approached, I realized that the youth was not dancing to the bay, but rather bending to sift through the debris left by the night's tide, stopping now

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and then to pick up starfish and then standing, to heave it back into the sea.

I asked the youth the purpose of the effort. "The tide has washed the starfish onto the beach and they cannot return to the sea by themselves," the youth replied. "When the sun rises, they will die, unless I throw them back into the sea."

As the youth explained, I surveyed the vast expanse of beach, stretching in both directions beyond eyesight. Starfish littered the shore in numbers beyond calculation. The hopelessness of the youth's plan became clear to me and I countered, "But there are more starfish on this beach than you can ever save before the sun is up. Surely you cannot expect to make a difference."

The youth paused briefly to consider my words, bent to pick up a starfish and threw it as far as possible. Turning to me he simply said, "I made a difference to that ONE."

Like the starfish, there are many Bulldogs that need a little help. We may not be able to save them all; but for the ones we do reach, we've made a "difference to that ONE."

The Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue group would like to thank everyone who helped us in 2008 in our efforts to find "forever" homes for rescue Bulldogs. There have been many ways that people have aided our rescue group. Here are some of them:

- ◆ Fostering dogs
- ◆ Taking dogs to vet appointments
- ◆ Donating items for fundraisers
- ◆ Supporting rescue financially by bidding on silent auction items
- ◆ Making flyers & printing cards
- ◆ Manning the rescue booth at various rescue events

Any contribution or offer of aid is always appreciated as it shows you care about rescue Bulldogs. Thanks also, to Dr. Jim Winsor of Inver Grove Hts Animal Hospital and Dr. Greg Miller of Marschall Road Animal Hospital, for providing us with excellent veterinary care for our rescue Bulldogs at a discounted rate. Considering that Bulldogs coming into rescue often are in need of medical attention, this expense can really add up, so a "rescue discount" is very much appreciated.

In 2008 we rehomed seven dogs and assisted other rescue volunteers with the rehoming of three other dogs. Our most recent rescue dog, Cupid is now in his forever home and doing very well. Deb and Don are thoroughly entertained by his antics and he is getting along great with their other dog, Raina.

Here's Deb and Cupid at his new home:

