

This letter is to all the Employees and Volunteers:

I believe you should simply be called "Angels on Earth"! The Chihuahua reunion at Mutt Strut was so moving. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. So many "babies" that you took care of and found homes for - all in one place. On the news everyone heard about how many Chihuahuas there were for you to care for; my husband and I even brought supplies to help out, but until you see them all in one place, it is hard to imagine just how many tiny angels you actually had under your roof to care for and feed. Thank you for what you do and for what you did for every one of them and for all the animals you care for daily. We adopted beautiful Franchesca (Frankie) from that group and she has made our life so happy. She is a sable colored long haired Chihuahua.

Our Chihuahua, Calvin was so depressed after the loss of his two brothers. The 14-year old passed from kidney failure and then his 14-year old brother died a week later from a heart attack. The vet said it was stress from losing his brother. That left us with Calvin and he has become Frankie's teacher and protector. He has taught her to use the litter box for inside potty, and to play and bark. Frankie could never take the place of our boys, of course, but she made a place for herself in our hearts the moment we brought her home and is our little beam of sunshine.

I would like to especially thank Danielle Leonard. She is a special angel to us and we can't thank her enough for everything she did that allowed us to adopt Frankie. She made a special effort and took it upon herself to do a lot of extra work she didn't have to do. Of course I would have been happy with any "baby" there; but Frankie's eyes just called to me and I knew she was "the one" but without Danielle's extra effort we wouldn't have her. I couldn't remember Danielle's name because of all the hustle and bustle the day we adopted Frankie; but I will never forget her face!! I had looked for her all day at Mutt Strut and then - all of a sudden - there she was! I was sooo happy to be able to thank her in person and for her to see how Frankie has adjusted so well. You are blessed to have Danielle as an employee. She is a wonderful asset to your organization.

You all have made a difference in so many of our lives by what you did and what you do daily. I believe people need to realize that it's not only when you have a crisis like the Chihuahua house that the shelter needs help and that you have animals there daily that need a Forever Home. I pass that message on every chance I get. I want to thank you again from the bottom of our hearts; but I feel there are no words big enough to thank you. I believe the best way to show our appreciation is to love and protect our "babies".

Thank you for all the work you did to arrange the reunion today. I know it was a lot of work and took a lot of planning. I hope you do it again next year.

Love and Hugs to you all,
Dennis and Minnie [REDACTED], Calvin and Franchesca (Frankie)