My Turn

A homely guy and a lovely lady

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I was at Stray Hearts Animal Shelter recently, kind of breaking some rules. It was slightly after hours and on my way home, I stopped by Stray Hearts to visit my new buddy, Brooks, who has become my recent project.

Brooks has been in the shelter for over a year, and he shared his kennel with a buddy he came in with, who got adopted, so he is pretty lonely right now.

(He loves other dogs!) He captured my heart because he is a bit homely, kind of rough around the edges, sort of that typical "Taos Street Dog" looking guy, but what a sweetheart he is! He loves my visits and for me to wash his face in cold water.

I was visiting Brooks in the fenced play area, when an employee came out and reprimanded me for being there with a dog after hours. Then came out the "Lovely Lady." This lady sat down and proceeded to tell me about her dreams for Stray Hearts Animal Shelter, especially how she wants to build "socializing areas" so that the dogs are not always cramped in their kennels or taken for a brief walk (God bless the dog walkers!), but areas where the dogs can daily get out and be the "pack animals" that they are, and play with each other!

This lovely lady was so grateful that I had come to visit Brooks. Eventually she told me that she was the new director of Stray Hearts Animal Shelter! Her name is Jan Gordon.

All of us in Taos should welcome this Lovely Lady who has a heart of gold for our homeless animals, and come to her aid in helping her bring her dreams come true for our local animal shelter.

And please remember Brooks. Go by and visit him in the last pod on the left. He may be homely, but he is eager to find a human to take him home, to love.

Remember every dog needs a home and every home needs a dog. They are angels in fur coats, you know!

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