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Nine Lives – the Real Faces of Rescue Dogs
Pit Bull Rescue San Diego Saves Litter of Neglected Puppies

San Diego, Calif., Sept. 20, 2009 – It's not just cats who have nine lives. Thanks to Pit Bull Rescue San Diego (PBRSD), a litter of nine purebred Pit Bull puppies who otherwise would have been euthanized for their treatable medical conditions, have been given a new leash on life.

While the common belief is that the dogs and cats euthanized each year in San Diego area shelters are either injured beyond repair, vicious, or at the end of their years, there are a significant number of shelter pets that fall within a category that involves treatable health conditions that are simply not within the shelter's financial means. Pets that fall into this category also include puppies and kittens, many of which are euthanized each year in San Diego County due to lack of government funding. This is where non-profit animal welfare organizations like PBRSD come in, forging life-saving partnerships with local animal control agencies to save those who just need a little extra help recovering from an illness or injury.

The nine pit bull puppies PBRSD recently took under its wing were given up by their owners to a local shelter because of just such an illness. They had developed an advanced form of non-contagious mange (and in turn severe secondary skin infections), which made their fur fall out. This skin condition is typically brought on by poor nutrition and aggravated by lack of medical attention. Like many underfunded animal shelters, resources are an unfortunate challenge for cases such as these. Due to the long-term care necessary for their recovery, adoption was not an option for them in the shelter system. The puppies are now under veterinary care in a PBRSD foster home.

“Despite everything they've been through, it's amazing to see how playful and active they are, and their appetite is incredible,” says foster mom Cindy Salazar. “In only one week, we're already seeing health improvements—their skin is healing quickly, and their hair is already starting to grow back in. At only three months old, they're already potty-trained!”

After the pups make a full recovery, they will be altered, vaccinated, microchipped, and placed for up adoption. In the meantime, PBRSD has been able to fund their care through generous donations from the public. For interviews, high-resolution images or more information, please contact Micaela Myers at (760) 231-1909.

ABOUT PIT BULL RESCUE SAN DIEGO:

Pit Bull Rescue San Diego is a volunteer run, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (ID#20-3957702) devoted to rescuing, rehabilitating and re-homing pit bulls in San Diego area shelters, educating the public on responsible pet ownership, and advocating against the inhumane activity of dogfighting and the unethical practice of backyard breeding. Since its inception in 2004, PBRSD has saved more than 300 dogs that are now happily living as family pets.