

# Street Dogs

*Todos somos satos*  
translation—we are all mutts

Following the release of her book *Shelter Dogs*, Photographer, Traer Scott, spent the first few months of 2007 travelling in Puerto Rico and Mexico, working closely with animal rescuers in the cities and villages where large packs of abandoned dogs roam the streets. Satos, slang for mutts refers to these street dwellers—whether cross breeds or purebred dogs that have been dumped—unwanted and discarded pets.

Local independent rescue groups have a unity with shelters in the U.S. that regularly take in shipments of healthy, rehabilitated satos and find them new homes in the States.

Although quite a conflicting concept to Traer, since she's seen many crowded shelters in the U.S., the idea quickly became logical as anyone working in a shelter will attest that there's a long line of people waiting for puppies and smaller breeds to adopt.



## Sugar

Sugar was found as a tiny puppy, in a cardboard box in the back of a truck in Mexico. She was emaciated, dehydrated, and very near death when the San Felipe Animal Rescue took her in. After she recovered, shelter operator Jennifer Holmes attempted to adopt her out to willing families but couldn't bear to part with her. She soon decided Sugar was destined to be part of her own permanent pack.

## Lucero

Rescued from a riverbed, along with his mum and three siblings, Lucero was brought to Save A Sato, Puerto Rico, by Mr Schmidt and his wife. The couple took care of the puppies for four months, until they were old enough to be sent to the U.S. for adoption. Mr Schmidt cried when he put Lucero into the travel crate, despite assurances that the puppies would find a wonderful home overseas.

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## Amber (left)

Three month Amber and her sister had been found on the side of the road. Amber was a 'weak specimen' and had many health problems in her short life. She would not have survived on her own and after her rescue spent weeks on an intravenous drip.



## Coco (right)

Intelligent and beautiful, Coco was found on the side of a busy road in San Felipe, Mexico, by rescuer Jennifer Holmes when she was about seven weeks old. She rode around with us in the truck for much of that day and then was brought to the San Felipe Animal Rescue, where she joined up with a small gang of rescued puppies. About three weeks later, Coco was adopted out to a new home in Arizona.



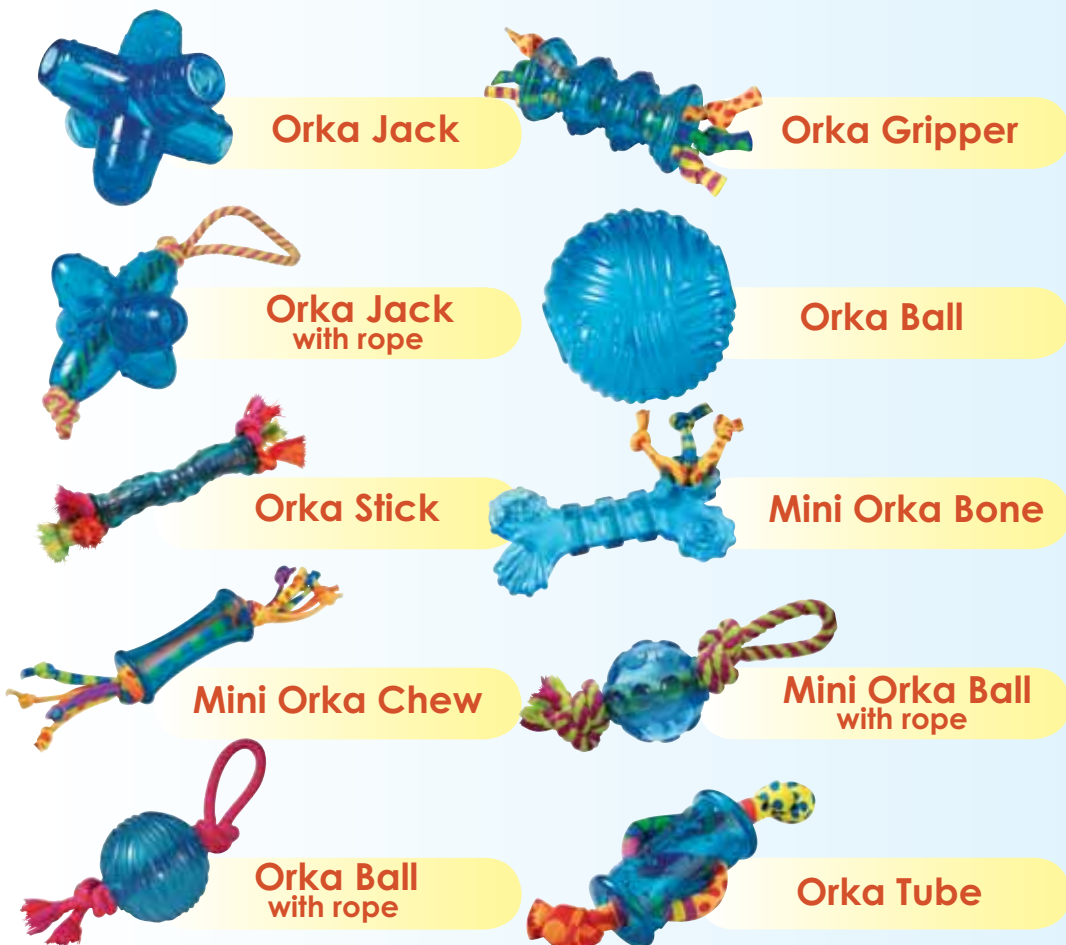
A scrappy mother nurses her litter of puppies



Rescue worker, Steve McGarva befriends a people-wary dog at Dead Dog Beach in Puerto Rico

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