

## *Dominican Street Dog Project*



It is a tough life in the Dominican Republic for the dog population. They are riddled with disease and fur infestations. They eat where and when they can. Sadly, we have also witnessed abuse of dogs and other animals here.

We have even intervened in one little pigeon's life, scaring off the abusive man who had the pigeon. Although we cannot address the huge abuse and food shortage issues for these street dogs, we can help with the health. Help from the Eastern Shore Wildlife & Rehabilitation Centre (ESWR) has donated flea and parasite medications for these street dogs. About 30 street dogs have been medicated so far. We hope to build on this worthy project in the future.

The ESWR assists many orphaned and injured animals in Nova Scotia. If you would like to assist animals in Nova Scotia, visit the [Eastern Shore Wildlife & Rehabilitation Centre](#) to see how you can help! There is also Project Samana who are attempting to address issues surrounding the street dogs of Dominican Republic.



### Momo's Story

So maybe this street dog project is going a little farther than I planned! During a day trip to the aquarium with the orphans, I managed to find myself a scraggly, furless, starving young dog who could not move due to a broken leg. Momo, now his name, was lying by the road all by himself looking very pitiful and needy.

Carolynne, the 3 kids (Carlos, Erica & Marialisa) as well as myself, picked up the dog and the adventure began! After washing the dog with medications at the orphanage, and making many visits to a very kind vet, Momo is now doing much better. I am now doing all the antibiotic and vitamin injections myself, and can monitor his health. Not only is Momo doing better, but he got to live in our hotel for three days until a guest complained. Luckily, the orphanage here is adopting Momo dog - they have been taking in strays for years. I am going to sponsor Momo through COLORS and the orphanage here so we can keep him healthy and happy.

## Sponsor A Dog...



The Puppies & Dogs need your help! Our partner NGO in the D.R is desperate for support of their many street dogs. The Director Jackie Caro Aracena, not only has taken in over 25 street children but has taken in many abused & starving street dogs as well. She needs help to feed, medicate, fix and eventually find caring homes for the dogs.

A letter Jackie wrote me is as follows:

*" Sunny please try to help me find people who would be interested in helping our poor dogs, we need so much help in feeding and medicating them and at some point maybe people will find it in their heart to take one home with them. I know I sound foolish but I am desperate for help, there is no one that cares for animals here in this country, as you've seen. There was only you and me, and now there is only me here and it feels so lonely. Maybe your friends may want to be sponsors of the dogs, food is so expensive here, and we give them all the shots they need to become healthy. We try hard to make them strong and happy, you've seen our work Sunny. We really need support from North America so the puppies can survive here. I'll send you pictures and I'll pray to God that you may find good people that may want to help the animals. Many of them also need to be fixed, most of them are girls so I need to do the surgery. Please Sunny see if you can find someone to help me, you have no idea how much I'll appreciate this. We appreciate how hard you worked to save Momo and the support you send him and all the children. We hope your friends can help as you did with our other animals. We all Love you very much, may God bless you and all you do. Daddy and I...Jackie"*

.....Need I say more? Jackie is a very trust worthy person who I worked with daily during my time in the D.R. She tries to do everything in her power to make the impossible happen. She truly loves the animals, and will do what ever she can to keep them healthy and happy. Thank you to everyone who already started helping!!!!

If you would like to help Jackie's Street Dog Sponsorship Program please e-mail Jackie Caro Aracena directly at: [ministeriotsidkenu@hotmail.com](mailto:ministeriotsidkenu@hotmail.com) You can send them support directly through Western Union Santo Domingo as I have, or you can [donate through COLORS](#) and we will forward the donations all at once to cut down on Western Unions fees. Or mail cheques to: