



How Shelter Pets are Brokered for Experimentation

Understanding Pound Seizure

By Allie Phillips

“Pound seizure” refers to the practice of selling shelter pets for use in science labs.

We agree that this book is a must-read both for those who know nothing or very little about pound seizure and for those well-versed in the topic.

As Hugh Tebault, the Latham Foundation’s President explains, “*Allie Phillips details the ways that some animals have been silently diverted from pounds and sold into the murky research world. The good news is that it appears few are now being sold, but the fact that pound seizure exists at all with no visibility violates the public trust. This book is recommended for everyone working in animal welfare.*”

Back in the 1940s, the practice referred to as “pound seizure” was common in taxpayer-funded animal shelters across the country. Whether for cosmetic testing, human or animal drug testing, medical technique and tool testing, or biochemical testing, these once-family pets were subjected to experimentation that often ended in death. Today the practice is moving toward extinction thanks to local citizens and animal rescue and welfare organizations. Still, pound seizure remains a dirty little secret in American society.

This book gives readers a fuller picture of what’s happening in shelters. Most importantly, it offers alternatives and explains what they can do to stem the tide of dealers and brokers sweeping animals off to their almost-certain demise.

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Pit Stops

Crossing the Country with Loren the Rescue Bully

By Michelle Sathe

With a forward by Ed Fritz, Best Friends Animal Society

Having met author Michelle Sathe at the No More Homeless Pets conference this year, I was eager to read the cleverly-named Pit Stops. It didn’t disappoint. This witty and charming book chronicles Michelle’s cross-country adventure with Loren, a young female pit bull that she fell for while volunteering at The Brittany Foundation dog rescue in Los Angeles. Michelle pegged Loren as the perfect co-pilot for her road trip adventure and she was right.

They visited historic places such as the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, New Orleans, and Savannah’s scenic waterfront, sampling regional cuisine along the way. And they met many wonderful humane workers from coast to coast. Sadly, they also came face to face with the nightmare of pit bull prejudice and the reality facing “bully” breeds in America today.

Mile by mile, whether they’re avoiding Ohio due to breed discriminatory legislation or making unlikely friends in the deep South, Michelle and Loren forge a bond that only 24/7 togetherness can create.

Michelle’s skills as a writer shine as she takes readers along on an adventure filled with laughter, sadness, and, ultimately, hope.

Along with a feel-good epilogue, Pit Stops contains a state-by-state shelter guide and a short list of pet-friendly travel resources.

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