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hand that they become too tired to get help from a professional trainer or behaviorist though they themselves would call a therapist or try antidepressants?

We all need to face reality. I wrote this book because too many pets are given up by loving families for not being perfect. I want people to stop and think about the situation with a clear mind and to think twice about relinquishing a pet to the local shelter. And despite having "humane" in their name, the vast majority of these shelters euthanize abandoned pets who aren't adopted.

Your pet's life depends on your ability to see him or her as an individual who needs consistent messages and training to fit into the family. I believe every person who has turned the family pet over to a shelter did not like doing it and felt significant stress. . . . wondering if it was right.

Before you go down that path, read this book. You will hopefully understand your pet better and find some practical solutions so you can live happily ever after together!

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Because more than four million wonderful pets are euthanized every year in the United States, Randy decided to write a book in hopes that the average American will now think twice before relinquishing their pet to the local shelter. Behavioral issues are the number one reason why people give up on their family member and yet so many of these issues are caused by humans who don't understand their pet. This gut-wrenching decision can be avoided if every pet guardian took the time to figure out a solution for the issue and to do a little self-reflection to see how they are contributing to the problem.

Thanks to Randy's wealth of experience and unbelievable sense of humor, every pet owner will appreciate his approach to pet guardianship. This book has something to offer anyone who has ever had a pet or is currently a parent to a dog or cat. Life without a pet is not worth living, and the love and idiosyncrasies of our pets is worth celebrating every day.



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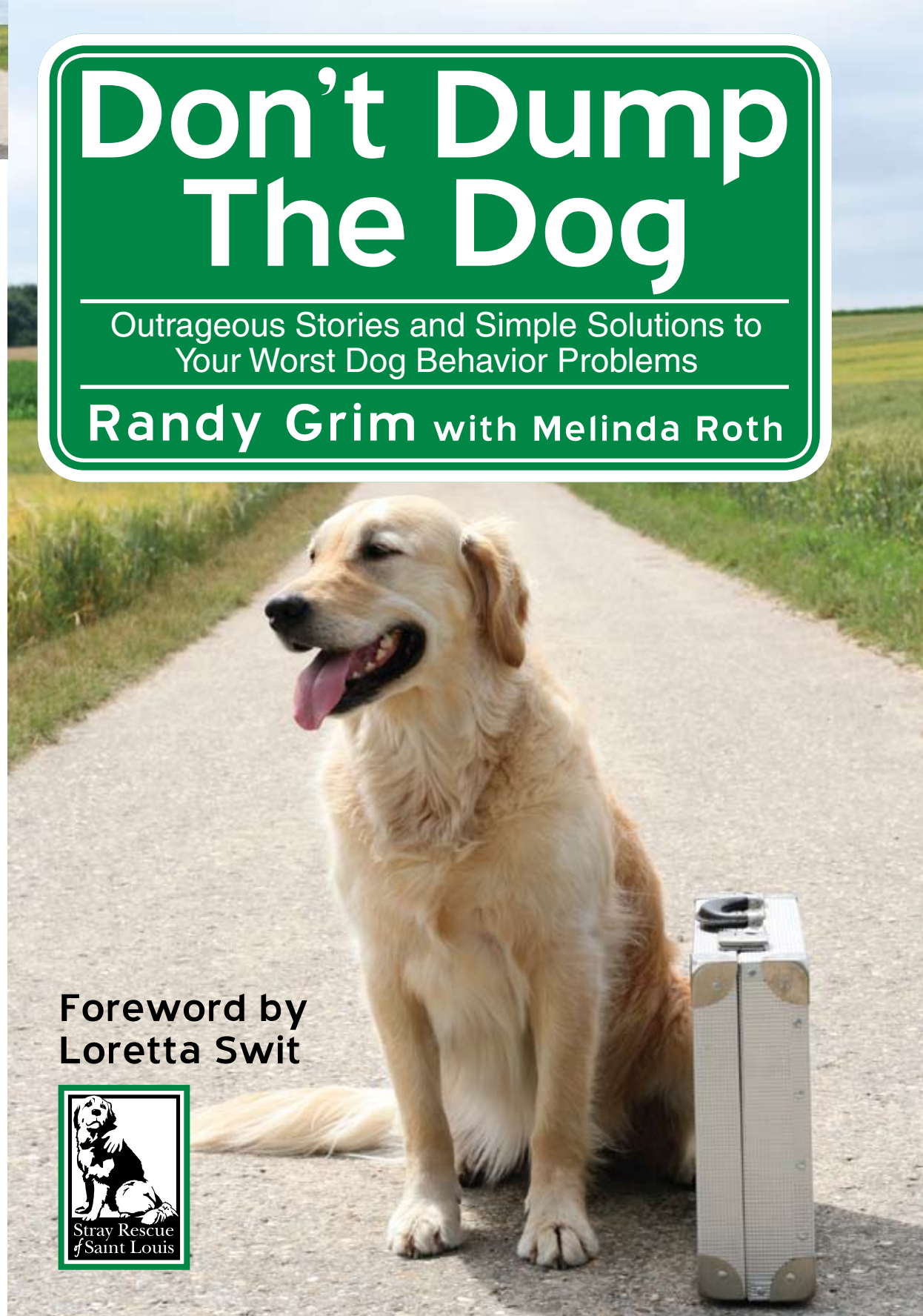


# Don't Dump The Dog

Outrageous Stories and Simple Solutions to Your Worst Dog Behavior Problems

Randy Grim with Melinda Roth

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Notes on Canine Behavior  
from Randy Grim—with the  
Humor You'd Expect!

Every dog and cat has its own personality and is guaranteed to be different than the pet next door or your previous one. Life would be so boring if all dogs were the same and predictable. Each one of us has our own individual pet peeves and phobias, and laughing at our own peculiar quirks makes life that much more interesting. The same goes for the family pet.

Does your dog eat its own poop? Hey, this is an easy fix so don't worry, all will be well! Does your dog shed a lot? No problem, a little fish oil and some brushing by the kids will work beautifully. This teaches your kids some responsibility too. Does your dog bark too much? Some animals are just more talkative than others, and I bet you have a family member that never stops talking too! A little peanut butter on a large rawhide will keep you dog busy for hours.

None of us expect our two-legged family members to be perfect, but why do so many people expect the family dog to be perfect? Why do so many people think it's always the dog's fault and not the mixed messages the human parents are giving out? Why do people let the problem get so out of

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