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## **Homeward Pet Adoption Center Helps Baja La Paz Puppies!**

**Woodinville, Wash - December 2, 2015** - Homeward Pet Adoption Center's focus is to help as many homeless dogs and cats in the state of Washington as their Woodinville facility can accommodate. Yet, when a local rescuer asked for help with saving a litter of abandoned puppies from the beach in Baja La Paz, Mexico, they could not say no.

The beaches in Baja La Paz have become a dumping ground for unwanted dogs and cats. At any time you can find up to 50 animals barely surviving on whatever scrap of food they can find. In early October, a local animal lover discovered a litter of discarded puppies, just 6 weeks old and starving, and secured a loving foster home to help nurse them back to health until placement could be found.

Terri Inglis, Homeward Pet's Executive Director, received a call from Michelle McCormick, a local Washington resident and board member for Baja Dogs La Paz, a US based 501(c)3 nonprofit created specifically to help with spay & neuter education and rescue efforts of abandoned animals in the Baja La Paz area of Mexico. Michelle explained the challenges of adoption in the area and asked if Homeward Pet would consider accepting five very lovable and adoptable puppies. Homeward Pet could not say no!

At four months old, five healthy, rambunctious yet slightly shy puppies were loaded into crates and boarded a plane bound for Seattle. They arrived at the shelter on Sunday, November 29, very scared after their long adventure northward. After three days in the shelter, they have relaxed and are enjoying the love and attention of the Homeward Pet staff and volunteers. All of the puppies - 3 males and 2 females - have now received their health exams from the Homeward Pet veterinary team, been spayed or neutered and microchipped, and will be available for adoption this weekend.

### **About Homeward Pet Adoption Center**

Homeward Pet Adoption Center is one of the leading non-profit, no-kill shelters serving the Greater Seattle area for 25 years. We give homeless animals a second chance and have matched over 25,000 companion animals with safe, loving, forever families. While the animals in our shelter wait to be adopted, over 350 volunteers make sure their basic needs are met and give them plenty of love and attention. For some of our animals, that is more than they have ever known. Learn more about Homeward Pet on their website: [www.homewardpet.org](http://www.homewardpet.org)

### **About Baja Dogs La Paz**

Baja Dogs La Paz, Inc. was formed in 2008 as a 501(c)(3) charity to support a Mexican dog refuge by the same name that operated in La Paz, BCS, Mexico. It is run by a U.S. board of directors who all spend a significant amount of time in La Paz furthering the important work there. [www.bajadogslapaz.org](http://www.bajadogslapaz.org)

The shelter and the charity were legally separate entities under completely separate governments. However they shared the Baja Dogs La Paz name to reflect the seamless working relationship between them. Both organizations existed solely for the purpose of rescuing stray or abandoned dogs, rehabilitating them and finding forever homes out of the La Paz shelter.

U.S. donors as well as the local Mexican community benefit from their work. U.S. donors filing a U.S. return receive a tax deduction and the local Mexican community see improved conditions on the streets in their neighborhoods.

Several years ago, the Mexican shelter closed. However, the U.S. Charity, Baja Dogs La Paz, Inc. continues to operate with the goal of addressing the problem of stray or abandoned dogs in and around the city of La Paz.

Today as a funding arm for Mexican charities and projects, its mission and purpose has expanded well beyond its origins into an organization that seeks to address the overpopulation of dogs. They accomplish this through a more holistic approach that encompasses education, sterilization, and community foster programs. The result is a closer relationship between local rescuers and more ultimately saving more dogs.

For more information about the work Baja Dogs La Paz does visit our website [bajadogslapaz.org](http://bajadogslapaz.org) and Like our Facebook book page.