



## Sochi street dog Stetson lands in Houston

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After a process of several months, a Sochi street dog will finally arrive in Houston to meet its rescuer and live in a ranch on the outskirts of Houston.

Before the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, officials announced that street dogs would be shot and poisoned as a method of euthanization in an effort to rid the city of the hundreds of strays.

When **Carol Davis**, the owner of Blisswood Bed and Breakfast and a volunteer and foster mom for All Border Collie Rescue, became aware of this, she searched for anyone in the city trying to help the dogs.

"I was devastated with the methods of euthanization," said Davis. "I know there are problems here with stray dogs, but I just couldn't stand how they were being killed. I wanted to do something."

She received an e-mail from the owner of Sochi Dog Rescue. The shelter sprung up as a direct result of announcement in the town of Adler, right outside the city limits of Sochi.

The owners of Sochi Dog Rescue had managed to round up about 25 dogs during the tight security around Sochi during the Olympics. Davis, who owns a ranch in Cat Springs, just west of Houston, already owns 10 border collies and fosters many other dogs from the All Border Collie Rescue. However, Davis was determined to help.

"One thing I could do was adopt one of them," said Davis. "If I could save them all, I would."

Davis asked the woman to send her pictures of all the dogs she had taken off the streets. One dog, a black-and-white mixed breed, stood out among the rest.

"On the pictures, he just seemed to have such a happy demeanor," said Davis. "He was the one."

The dog, who Carol has named Stetson, had to be quarantined for three months. After being flown into Frankfurt from Moscow, Stetson missed his flight to Houston yesterday when workers fed him and cleaned out his cage. He was scheduled to arrive in Houston today and met his new owner.

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