

Michael Vick Dogs



Five Years Post-Rescue - The Vick Dogs at Home

So much has happened since this group of ten left their kennels in Virginia in October 2007. This webpage offers a brief update on where they are now and the work they do to remind people that dogs are individuals who deserve to be treated with compassion. Updated November, 2012.

An important read: [Five Years Later: Has the Cruelty Ended?](http://badrap-blog.blogspot.com/2012/04/vick-dogs-five-years-later-has.html) (<http://badrap-blog.blogspot.com/2012/04/vick-dogs-five-years-later-has.html>)

Photo: Seven of the dogs who started their lives in California gathered with their adopters for this photo. Don't miss this humorous [VIDEO](https://vimeo.com/52492758) (<https://vimeo.com/52492758>) of the photographer working to bring this group together for the



The Dogs

AUDIE



IGGY

Cherished family companion

Like Frodo, Iggy was utterly terrified when he arrived in California although his progress has not been as encouraging. To this day, despite several years of living a stable environment and receiving gentle coaching and socialization, he is unable to approach strangers or leave his home for walks or car rides due to extreme fear issues. Caretaker Nicole showed the media what his fear looked like in local news reports ([LINK](#))

[Also view a more extensive case report with video and photo case notes](#) ([LINK](#))

His story was recorded in *Parade Magazine* ([LINK](#))



Despite his trauma, he's been able to enjoy a much less stressful life and has become a happy, outgoing dog. He has become a **rescue dog**. Iggy reminds us of the damage that can come from a life of cruelty and neglect. He also demonstrates that dogs are individuals, whose responses to trauma will differ depending on the personality he or she is born with. Finally, Iggy's story reminds us that despite the ugly side of humankind, there are people like Nicole who refuse to give up on even the most broken of dogs.

News and updates from some of the other Vick dogs...

From shy girl to canine public figure, [Ginger's facebook page](#) (<http://www.facebook.com/300829667461616>)

Jhumpa Jones made an appearance on the Anderson Cooper show ([here](#)) (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) then went on to become a therapy dog. Her [facebook page](#) (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>)

Like Ginger, **Stella** and **Red** found homes with staff at the SPCA for Monterey County. **Red** died of cancer in 2012 after helping numerous dogs learn play manners. The [video](#) (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8888888888888888>) shows them both enjoying each other during happy times.

One of the most heavily abused dogs from the case - **Georgia** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) went home in February 2012, and **Georgie** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) went home just a few weeks later and started enjoying play sessions with now-adopted **Mel** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) from the same case. **Piper** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) was adopted later and adopted to become a therapy dog. So did **Lad** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) who later died of a seizure disorder in winter 2011. **Missy** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) and **Green** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) inspired the adopters to start rescue groups. **Jasmine** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) also graces the cover of *The Lost Dogs*. She died after being struck car in the summer of 2009. **Janet** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) was highlighted in *Sports Illustrated* with her adopter **Cherry** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) was adopted to a new home from *Best Friends Animal Sanctuary*. **Hattie** (<http://www.facebook.com/1000000000000000>) has a family as well as her own facebook page.