



**Pet Pundit
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Books that promote the appreciation of animals

Reviews for *The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs*

“Finally, a book that describes a neglected dog’s life and what every animal lover wants to see happen every time -- a happy ending! Every time I read this book, I realize how this truly represents the lives of many of the dogs in our care. San Antonio Humane Society loves this book!” – **Cathy McCoy, Director of Communication, San Antonio Humane Society**

“Cathy Rosenthal has an old-fashioned gift...telling a story with a moral. In *The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs*, she gently educates young readers so they can be empathetic to the real needs of dogs. We learn the valuable lesson that dogs are afraid when they’re on the streets and that the shelter is a safe and happy place for lost pets. Most importantly, the story demonstrates what many of us already know – that the animal shelter is a wonderful place to adopt a friend.” – **Adele Douglass, Founder and CEO, Humane Farm Animal Care**

“Some are born lucky; some achieve luck, and some have luckiness thrust upon them. So Shakespeare might have said, and so it is with these dogs: the one having attained luck before the story opens, and the second never suspecting that he might one day be called “Lucky,” too. Without stirring the pity pot, Cathy Rosenthal spins a clear contrast between lucky and unlucky pets and gives hope for dogs who have not yet had luck thrust upon them. What child would not want to be a part of this story!” – **Mary Grace Ketner, San Antonio Storyteller**

“Who can resist changing the luck of a deserving dog, when it is laid out so beautifully in Cathy Rosenthal’s *The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs*. This engaging children’s book is a perfect introduction to what dogs need and the critical role families and animal shelters play in turning a dog’s luck around.” – **Joyce Briggs, President, Alliance for Contraception in Cats and Dogs**

“In the spirit of the most effective children’s books, *The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs* teaches life lessons with subtlety and guides the young reader to ethical and moral conclusions in a story of two dogs. Children do not like to be lectured, they like to observe, to have choices, to be able to decide what course of action is best, based on their inner voices and own unique moral compass – and like the best examples of this genre, this youth-oriented tale of two dogs provides a deft touch and serves as an effective guide.

It is at its best in the early pages when contrasting the life of a lucky and an unlucky canine - and with eloquent simplicity transmits what life should look like for every dog. In its colorfully illustrated pages, *The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs* tells children learn about the adoption process of pets, about the importance of veterinary visits and why training a dog is important. The moral of the story is clear: dogs have feelings, they require care, love, and attention. They are living beings who depend on us. We have to do right by them in order for them to be all that they can be for us. It is a fair bargain with most of the responsibility resting on us.

Animal shelter staff everywhere will rejoice at this little book that easily erases decades of horrible dog catcher stereotypes - accurately reflecting the genuine concern, passion and compassion modeled by these front line animal care workers who so often encounter unlucky dogs (and cats) in our very communities and then turn around those lives in profound ways.

But it is really the children exposed to this book who may be luckiest of all. Every child knows that fairy tales have to have a happy ending and in this case, young readers all too clearly can see that when it comes to the destiny of companion animals - it is in their power to be super heroes and to make sure that all dogs everywhere end up lucky and loved.” – **Michael E. Kaufmann, Director, Green Chimneys Farm and Wildlife Center**

“Lucky. That’s what I call the kids who read Cathy Rosenthal’s new book. Before I read it, I expected a book about responsible pet ownership. Do this. Do that. Don’t do this. Don’t do that. Instead, I found an engaging story that shows how anybody can have a lucky dog.” – **Megan Hicks, Retired Children’s Librarian**

More reviews for *The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs*

"The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs shares with the reader the sad story of an unlucky dog who is thankfully befriended by those who can turn his life around. This tale touched my heart and the hearts of my children. The wonderful illustrations add to this feel good storyline. Thankfully, this book shows the varied ways we can help those that can not help themselves."
– **James Bias, President & CEO, SPCA of Texas**

"I truly LOVE this book! The illustrations are enchanting and the story portrays the humane message of our mission! It is definitely a great addition to our Children's Library at the CAP shelter and a special gift of our Meow-Bow-Wow Buddies Club members. Children can learn compassion for neglected animals, and as a result, many pets will have the second chance they so deserve."
– **Kappy Muenzer, Executive Director, Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP)**

"The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs is a touching children's story that shows the love and care every dog deserves. Additionally, the story addresses adoption from animal shelters as a wonderful way of giving animals a chance to receive that love and care. The story is a cute and fun way of teaching our responsibilities for our domesticated companion animals and providing each of them a loving home."
– **James R. Weedon, DVM, MPH, Executive Director, Spay-Neuter Assistance Program, Inc. (SNAP)**

"The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs is an insightful and easy-to-read story depicting the plight of neglected and forgotten dogs. It should be a must read for children K-3 grades and anyone adopting from a shelter. Thank you, Cathy, for presenting this story with a happy ending. That should be the case for all animals."
– **Patt Nordyke, Executive Director, Texas Federation of Animal Care Societies**

"There are many lessons in this book, but they are subtle and allow for a readable and entertaining story. As someone who has spent the past 27 years in animal welfare, I very much appreciate the depiction of the shelter workers as kind, caring and offering opportunity to the dog and to the family. In short, *The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs* is a terrific book for children (and animal shelters)."
– **Nicholas Gilman, President, Humane Logic**

"I just read *The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs* and I LOVE IT! It actually brought tears to my eyes. What a wonderful way to get the message across to children about how to care for their pets. My wish is that every kid gets to read it and all their dogs are as "lucky."
– **Cathie Myers, Animal Welfare Event Specialist/ Conference Coordinator**

"When I read *The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs*, I was extremely moved because the story resonates so much with what rescuers and animal welfare advocates see every day. From the unlucky dog's sad and lonely life in someone's backyard to his escape, rescue from the streets, and adoption to a wonderful family, this book delivers the happy ending we wish for all dogs. My hope is that this book will educate the next generation to become more compassionate and responsible with their pets.
– **Deanna Lee, Founder of ASAP, Advocates for SA Pets**

"The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs is an inspiring story that helps kids better understand why and how to care for their pets. By comparing the lucky dog's affectionate, caring family and the unlucky dog's apparent neglect, readers of all ages will be touched by this story and maybe even motivated to adopt a pet from an animal shelter or better care for their pet at home. This book is a valuable resource for parents, teachers, and humane educators wanting to teach compassion to kids.
– **Shannon Ruiz, Humane Education Coordinator, San Antonio Humane Society**

"I found *The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs* to be heartwarming and educational. We need to start teaching children at a very young age and this book is an excellent tool for parents and teachers to discuss pet care and the need dogs have to be loved."
– **Sherry Ferguson, Executive Director, Houston Humane Society**

"In a gentle, but direct manner, this book educates young readers about responsible pet ownership. Animal shelters can use this book to not only inform children, but their parents, of the proper way to care for a dog."
– **Janice Darling, Executive Director, Animal Defense League**