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My name is Jason Bolko, Executive Director at St. Francis Animal Sanctuary & Rescue (SFAS), the largest no-kill sanctuary on the Southern Gulf Coast.

Through our partnership with Mardi Paws x Scott's Wish and the "transport incentives for receiving shelters" program, we've already saved countless lives from rural shelters where limited space and resources result in high euthanasia rates.

Our Goal: To give even more overlooked, at-risk but wonderful dogs a fresh start by transporting them to compassionate receiving shelters. We provide these shelters with fully vetted dogs and cash incentives, enabling them to collect adoption fees on top of the monetary donation to help cover veterinary or other essential expenses.

The missing piece in our mission is a consistent receiving outlet for these animals. Local adoptions alone cannot sustain our efforts or allow us to expand and save even more lives.

Your organization's commitment could bring this life-saving initiative full-circle, giving these dogs a real chance to thrive in loving homes. Please review the attached proposal, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like more information.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to partner with us in saving lives.

Best regards,

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What We Offer

Through the Mardi Paws partnership, we've secured funding for transport costs and St. Francis can ensure **every dog** arrives ready for rescue and adoption:

- **Veterinary Care:** Thorough medical, vaccinations (per ASPCA protocols), spay/neuter, heartworm testing/treatment, and clean health certificates prior to transport
- **Behavioral Assessment:** All dogs are temperament-tested to ensure suitability for adoption or fostering.
- **Comprehensive Transport Management:** SFAS coordinates all logistics, ensuring smooth delivery to your organization.

Of note:

**** For paid receiver transports, we select the dogs to be included**, as they are pulled from euthanasia lists and prioritized for the program to ensure they have completed all vetting and assessments.

****Dogs under 35 lbs, puppies, and less at-risk breeds (always fully vetted) are always available, but without cash incentives.**

Compensation for Receiving Organizations

We recognize the resources required to expand your rescue efforts. As part of this partnership, we offer the following support immediately upon delivery of fully vetted animals:

- \$15,000 for 40 dogs
- \$11,250 for 30 dogs
- \$7,500 for 20 dogs

This financial assistance allows you to continue your vital work while saving even more lives.

Why This Matters

Rural shelters often lack the resources to provide medical care or extended stays, leaving animals with little chance of survival. Our partnership with Mardi Paws has funded life-saving medical interventions and transports, but a reliable receiving outlet is critical to scaling these efforts. With your help, we can extend these animals' journey from survival to thriving in a loving home.

Proven Success

We've partnered with reputable organizations that can attest to our commitment to quality care and rescue, including:

- Hoping Fur a Home - Wisconsin
- Ark Animal Rescue and Adoption - Indiana
- Baywater Animal Rescue - Maryland
- The Animal Care Shelter for Kent County - Maryland

(References available upon request)

About Mardi Paws x Scott's Wish

For over 30 years, Mardi Paws and its 501(c)(3) nonprofit Scott's Wish have championed life-saving efforts for both pets and people, focusing primarily on Southeast Louisiana. In the past two years, their impact has expanded to include rural areas in the western part of the state. Many of the facilities they partner with cannot even be classified as shelters—they are often dog pounds or animal control holding facilities with no climate control, no enrichment, no outdoor access, and no medical care beyond euthanasia.

Our partnership with Mardi Paws began when they funded care for injured strays, only to find that, due to a lack of fosters and resources, these dogs often ended up back in high-kill shelters. Through our current initiative, St. Francis pulls these at-risk dogs, provides them with necessary medical care and behavioral assessments, and works to re-home them locally. Unfortunately, slow local adoption rates limit how many animals we can save, underscoring the urgent need for broader collaboration.

Next Steps

We would be honored to partner with your organization to make this mission a reality. I look forward to discussing how we can collaborate to save lives!

LINKS:

- **SFAS Website:** www.SFAS.org
- **SFAS Facebook:** www.Facebook.com/StFrancisAnimalSanctuaryTylertown
- **Mardi Paws Facebook:** www.Facebook.com/MardiPawsPresents

2 large transport videos with Jason & Mardi Paws:

<https://www.facebook.com/MardiPawsPresents/videos/766635045650708>

<https://www.facebook.com/MardiPawsPresents/videos/1069775594166205>