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## **New children's book offers readers barking-good time**

*Readers join stray pit bull on exciting adventure in "The Street Dog"*

WILMINGTON, Del. — Pit bulls are often thought of as dangerous and vicious dogs, but author Jill Perry Carpenter knows better. Her new children's book, "The Street Dog" ([published by Balboa Press](#)), reveals the softer side of pit bulls that Carpenter knows so well through the story of a loveable streetwise pit bull who learns to love himself just as he is. And in doing so, he learns that his real value is found in simply being himself.

A homeless pit bull with no name, the canine protagonist, referred to as Dog, runs the streets with a pack of talented and comical homeless dogs. Each dog is different and contributes to the group. There is loyal Tall Dog, who protects the pack, and Small Dog, who is the thinker of the group. Long Dog keeps the group laughing.

Together the four friends look out for one another, but when Dog has a run-in with the good people at the animal shelter, he wonders if there is a home and a family for him somewhere. Does he have that "something special" that the other adopted dogs do? Will anyone ever love him for just who he is?

Filled with original drawings, "The Street Dog" introduces readers to a big-hearted pit bull who seeks to defy common stereotypes. Through her book, Carpenter hopes to reverse society's view of pit bulls, get children interested in pet adoption and portray animal shelters in a positive light and help eliminate stereotyping in general.

"The Street Dog"

By Jill Perry Carpenter

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### **About the Author**

Jill Perry Carpenter was born in Huntington, West Virginia, and is a graduate of Marshall University. She is a long time animal enthusiast who spent her early years training and competing horses, and is a big supporter of dog rescues, particularly those serving pit bulls. More information is available at [www.waltthestreetdog.com](http://www.waltthestreetdog.com).

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