

## Hinsdale Humane Society dog gets spa treatment in Oakbrook Terrace

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**T**he Hinsdale Humane Society's oldest dog took a field trip to get spoiled Tuesday.

Pasta, an 8-year-old mixed breed who has been at the Hinsdale Humane Society since May 17, spent National Mutt Day getting a full spa treatment and playing with some other dogs at Dogtopia, a dog daycare, boarding and spa facility that opened in mid-July at 17W711 E. Roosevelt Road in Oakbrook Terrace.

"We wanted to give her a bit of a makeover to make her more attractive," said Matt Souvannasing of Dogtopia. "We want her to get adopted and rescued."

Pasta came a long way to get her spa day. The Hinsdale Humane Society picked her up at the Animal Welfare League in Chicago in hopes of having someone come in and adopt her. But Pasta's journey didn't start there.

“She had a microchip, and we found out she was from Las Vegas,” said Kym Iffert, operations manager for the humane society. “Unfortunately, whoever put the microchip in didn’t register it, and we ended up with a phone number that wasn’t working anymore.”

The society and Dogtopia connected via a local event in Hinsdale, which resulted in the offer from the new business of bringing in a dog for a spa treatment on National Mutt Day, which began in 2005.

“She’s kind of a typical shelter dog,” Iffert said of Pasta. “It’s easy to pass her by for people who come in to look at dogs because she isn’t a puppy or a special needs dog.

Iffert said they wanted to send a dog that was healthy, had personality and was good with other dogs.

“She’s kind of a mellow girl, but she likes interaction and loves to play fetch,” Iffert said.

Pasta was well behaved and didn’t bark once as the staff gave her a bath, dried her, rounded off her nails and brushed her.



Matt Souvannasing holds Pasta while Illiana Rosado works on the dog's nails. (Chuck Fieldman / Pioneer Press)

The only time she came out of her mellow mood was from the noise made by a dryer used by Illiana Rosado of Dogtopia after Pasta's bath.

"It's the noise, and she doesn't know what it is," said Rosado, who distracted Pasta's attention with a treat of peanut butter.

Souvannasing said Dogtopia plans future events at which some area shelters will bring dogs for adoptions.

"We want to let people know that we're here and let them know what we offer, but we also want to work with shelters in the community to help get dogs adopted," he said.

Anyone interested in adopting Pasta, or another dog or cat, may contact the [Hinsdale Humane Society](#) at 630-323-5630.



Pasta plays with another dog at Dogtopia. (Chuck Fieldman / Pioneer Press)