City Dogs Rescue (“CDR”) was formed in September 2011 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization to rescue adoptable dogs in high-kill and overcrowded shelters where resources are severely limited. In just 3 years, we have successfully adopted out over 1,000 dogs to loving, permanent homes.

Many of the dogs that CDR rescues are just days - and sometimes hours - away from being euthanized, for no reason other than lack of space. Sadly, we are often these dogs’ only chance of survival. Our efforts have enabled a number of rural shelters in NC, SC, VA and WV counties to significantly reduce euthanasia rates.

By finding these dogs permanent and loving homes in the DC metropolitan area, we can enrich lives - both human and canine.

Our goal is to avoid the return of pets to shelters by finding them forever homes with adopters who are capable of providing the level of care necessary to support the dogs through their entire natural lives. To this end, we carefully screen applicants by calling references, veterinarians, and landlords, and conducting home visits.

CDR is a volunteer-led organization that very much enjoys being an active part of the DC community with regular adoption and fundraising activities at local bars, stores, and community festivals throughout the greater DC area. We appreciate your interest in CDR and are thankful for any support.