

Dennis Dix

Dennis Dix, Jr. volunteers as a transporter and handler for Dog Star Rescue. He started two years ago after he “blundered into an early event at Petco.” Dennis left the institutional world of municipal finance 16 years ago, and began working from home and found he had some time on his hands. “I was raised and educated with the directive to serve my community. *Qui servire est regnare* (Whom to serve is to reign) and my deep affection and concern for dogs that have been abused or neglected was a natural fit with Dog Star.”

“My biggest thrill is being the first friendly face a dog sees after 18 hours cooped up in a crate on its way up from the South. I especially get a kick out of a southern dog’s reaction to seeing snow for the first time. The dog has no idea what snow is! I have had excited dogs, terrified dogs, and just plain good ol’ dogs. I know I have done my job if I’m getting kisses by the time we reach our destination (kennel, event). It helps that we usually share Mickey D cheeseburgers together on the way as most of the poor beasts tend to be skin and bones.” Dennis tends to get teary eyed sending off the dogs that he bonds with in the short time they are together. “I would have taken several of them home with me for good if I did not already have two dogs of my own!”

Dennis and “his trophy wife” have been married for 50 years and have three grown and successful children and eight grandkids ranging in age from 1 to 20. He consults for the state’s cities and towns in issuing their debt for roads, schools, sewers, water systems, fire houses and such. Among the 20 or so towns that he serves, he is especially privileged to have served as Avon’s municipal advisor. “I have done this work for the last 46 years, and unless my mind leaves before my body does, I plan to continue.”

Dennis and his wife like to travel to exotic places, fish occasionally, write in a variety of capacities and genres, and is enjoying his “golden” years.