



# dog meets world

the photo diplomacy project

fetching fotos for the planet's children



*Take and Give Photography - capturing and printing pictures on-site for the children of the world, enabling them to receive their first photograph.*

[www.dogmeetsworld.org](http://www.dogmeetsworld.org)



Founder Carolyn Lane, PhD lives in Jacksonville Beach, FL with her dog, the inspiration for the canine face of Dog Meets World. She co-founded the project with her son Austin, a NYC resident.

While traveling the world, founder Carolyn Lane frequently photographed children as they played with Foto™, a small stuffed toy likeness of her dog that she carried along. Witnessing the children's delight seeing their image on the digital screen, she imagined what it would be like to actually print their picture and hand it out right then and there. This concept forms the basis of Dog Meets World and the advent of *Take and Give Photography*. Today's small portable battery-operated printers make it feasible, fast and fun!

Can you imagine your life without treasured pictures? It is eye-opening to discover just how many people do not possess a single picture of their children, or even themselves. Smiles erupt when they see their images, often for the first time and realize "that is me!"

Giving a photograph is a simple act of kindness. It says "I see you and I acknowledge you, for all time." Donate now and help Dog Meets World clothe people in affirmation and feed their souls by putting a personal photograph in the hand of every child and family in need in the world. Anyone who travels, for whatever reason, can directly participate and join the community of photographers.

The dream of Dog Meets World is to change the way we see others in the world, and to empower travelers to make real connections to people in other cultures. See (y)our incredibly beautiful pictures that little stuffed Foto™ helped to fetch from around the world and read the amazing stories online at [www.dogmeetsworld.org](http://www.dogmeetsworld.org).



## Santiago, Guatemala

A phodographer practiced Dog Meets World in Guatemala with her family including 3 young children over spring break. The whole trip, they carried Foto the dog and a printer in their backpack. This young boy, seen sitting alone for over 30 minutes, stared intently at his picture and is perhaps now dreaming bigger dreams for his life.

## What Dog Meets World does



\*using portable printers!

Takes, prints (on-site\*) and gives back photographs of children and families around the world with the implicit purpose of validating the importance of each person.

Spreads happiness, captures memories and anchors moments in time: In essence, to practices photo diplomacy...one child, one family at a time.

Makes available replica Foto™ dogs to all supporters (through the website) to use as the ambassador of the program, to connect with children and overcome language barriers. Foto™ unifies and identifies the photographs and children from around the world.

Seeks contributions from all individuals and corporations. Donors receiving their own Foto™ dog can learn how to participate in the program first hand and actively join the community of phodographers!

Hosts a simple, heartwarming website (dogmeetsworld.org) that serves to enhance cultural exchange and understanding. The *Daily Foto* highlights photographs contributed by the community of phodographers traveling the world with a small printer and Foto™.

Uses raised funds to provide photographic equipment where needed. Educates and trains local peoples on photography.

Plans to organize photo-tours for volunteer vacationers.

