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The Sammy Fund - a Critical Resource

Sample...a Good Example

By Lori Hall

On August 9, a small dog was brought to our clinic, his left front leg bandaged and supported by two Popsicle sticks. Removing the bandages revealed tire marks on an obviously broken leg. Our TSPCA veterinarian and clinic staff turned to the Sammy Fund to provide the x-rays needed to determine the extent of the damage so they could come up with a plan to repair his leg.



The little dog, now named Sample, was taken to Cedarwood Veterinary Clinic for x-rays and to have his leg placed in a cast. The expertise and kind treatment provided by Dr. Robert Poteet and his staff were greatly appreciated by all, especially Sample. When he returned to the TSPCA for continued care, the cast didn't hamper his fun in the least. He came out of his shell and thoroughly enjoyed anyone who stopped to visit him while he was on the mend. Now free of his cast and ready for his new home, Sample is full of energy and will make a nice addition to any family looking for a playful, loving companion.

The Sammy Fund, created in memory of Companions Forever founder Gary Dunbar, was established to help dogs and cats with special medical needs, just like Sample. Surgeries and medical treatments are made possible by this fund and greatly improve adoption opportunities for these wonderful pets.

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GuRuStu Tulsa Dog Walk & Pet Fair

GuRuStu, an interactive media & design agency, prides itself on being able to craft the most intelligent, effective and creative solutions to their client's needs. The Tulsa SPCA is proud to be the beneficiary of the first annual GuRuStu Tulsa Dog Walk & Pet Fair that took place on November 13 at the LaFortune Park Gardens.



**SATURDAY
NOV 13
10AM - 2PM**
LaFortune Park Gardens

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Lots of Prizes
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In addition to the dog walk, the event offered demonstrations, vendors, live music, celebrity speakers and contests for people and their dogs. A kid zone was available to keep the youngsters entertained while their parents participated in the activities. The Memorial High School Band Parents' Booster Club provided everyone's favorite stadium foods to raise funds for the band's spring trip.

Funds raised by this event will greatly aid the efforts of the Tulsa SPCA to protect and advocate for all animals. We are dedicated to enforcing animal cruelty laws and providing a safe haven for homeless, abused and abandoned pets while they await adoption. We endeavor to cultivate humane treatment through education and provide a valuable community service.

The Tulsa SPCA looks forward to many years of partnering with the GuRuStu Foundation. We extend our sincere thanks for their generosity and donation of time and effort in hosting this fun-filled event.



Happy Tails

Watch for 'Wags' to sniff out a few of our alumni's Happy Tails! We hope you enjoy reading updates submitted by the new families of our former charges. Keep those stories and photos coming our way via email at tspca@tulsaspc.org.

Sweet Samantha



I adopted Samantha in 2002. She was born in 1999 and she is a very happy Rottie. When I went in to see about adopting a dog, it was love at first sight; we bonded instantly. I was told by the staff that she loved Pet Therapy group and would wear a tutu. She is the most lovable dog I have ever had and she meets no strangers, but cats are another story. I may have adopted her and given her a good home, but she quickly became my only family. She came to me after my mother passed away and I had become very depressed. She brought joy back into my life; she saved me - actually we saved each other. Not only is she friendly, lovable, funny and spoiled rotten, she is extremely smart. When she finishes her dinner, she pushes her bowl under the table and when she wants a carrot - her favorite snack - she goes and talks at the refrigerator. It has been almost nine years and I thank Tulsa SPCA for her and all the rest of the work you do.

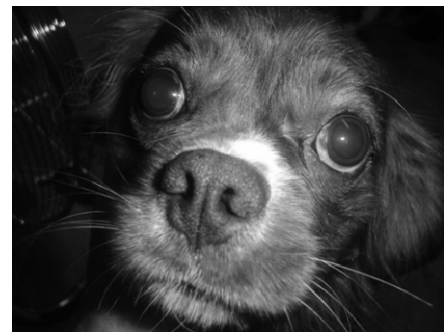
- Kathy McKinley

Tulsa SPCA to the Rescue

Eight Cavalier King Charles Spaniels Rescued Over the Summer

By Lori Hall

On July 29, Tulsa SPCA Cruelty Investigator Wade Farnan followed a lead he received about dogs living in horrible conditions. This tip led to the rescue of eight male Cavalier King Charles Spaniels aged about 2 years and up. These dogs were spending their days in filthy wire-bottom cages, some with water and some without. They were kept in a wooden building on an Amish farm with no running water and no electricity, exposing them to the extreme heat of the summer. Although owned by a woman from Pryor, they were being cared for by a couple from Chouteau. The owner had not been to check on the dogs for quite some time; she had no idea how her animals were being treated. She had left their care up to these people and they were not doing an acceptable job.



Upon arrival at the TSPCA clinic, the dogs were quickly examined by the staff. Many had matted fur and they all had fleas. A few suffered from severe allergies that caused their eyes to weep and mat. Given all this, they were actually in better shape than many of the puppy-mill type dogs we have received in the past. The clinic staff immediately started the dogs on a good diet and went to work getting them cleaned up and healthy. However, they were very nervous around people and their new environment. Clinic Manager Julie Johns says that the "outside" care is easy; it's the "inside" care that takes a lot of work.

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Gidget's Story

By Lori Hall

Hi, my name is Gidget and I want to tell you my story. When I was just a few weeks old I was abandoned, extremely miserable and getting weaker by the hour. Two older boys found me and carried me about a mile to the Tulsa SPCA.

When we arrived at the clinic, a very nice lady told the boys she would take care of me. I found out later her name was Tana and she was the clinic tech. Everyone was really worried about me, but I was just happy to have someone who cared. Tana and the clinic manager, Julie, suspected I might have ringworm so they took me into a dark room, shined a funny light on me and it turned out they were right.



Tana had to shave my back to see how badly the ringworm had spread. Boy, did that hurt! Some of my skin came off, and you could see the open sores on my back. I cried while she worked to get me cleaned up. She told me what a good girl I was, but it still hurt. They also took some blood from me but that didn't hurt so much.

Over the next few days, when they talked about me they used a bunch of big words I didn't understand... hookworms, Coccidia and Dermatophilus. I was covered head to paws in seed ticks, too. But I wasn't worried - I knew they would take good care of me.

A few weeks and a few pounds later, I can say I am much happier now. I have some good-looking battle scars, but my fur is growing back so they don't show much. I'm getting stronger every day, strong enough now to get my puppy shots. I'm proud to say I have a clean bill of health.

I'm having lots of fun here, playing every day with the other dogs and the people, too. It will be sad to leave my friends but I can't wait to get my very own family.

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A Tale of Two Dogs

By Lori Hall

You might remember Sue's story from last winter's newsletter. It all started on April 14, 2009, when a concerned citizen alerted TSPCA Cruelty Investigator Wade Farnan about an emaciated dog with a large gash in her back abandoned at Keystone Lake. Although badly wounded, the little Lab mix was calm and cheerful and bounded out of the car to greet her future when she arrived. This scared little girl was found to have an 8-inch laceration down her right shoulder that was both wide and deep. Our veterinarian thought that it might have resulted from crawling under a jagged metal shed. Upon further examination, our clinic staff noticed a lump in her other shoulder which turned out to be a .22 caliber bullet that could not be removed.



Sue recuperated fully and her socialization process at the Tulsa SPCA continued while she waited for her forever home. During this time, Jason and Traci Gowens and their three children made several trips to the TSPCA looking for just the right dog. Soon after meeting in our socialization yard, Sue was sitting for treats and wagging her tail as she played with the children. The Gowens family had found the perfect addition to their family and Sue left for her forever home on August 12, 2009.

The family reports that Sue is recovering from her shy ways. She has become the family protector (from strangers and moles!), takes frequent walks with the children and loves to toss toys in the air to catch and protect them. A once starving dog has even become a dog-food gourmand – expecting a little flair in her food - but still a grateful, happy dog thankful for a safe and loving home where at last she no longer has to roam.

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Pets Are Not Presents

Contributed by Mary Green, CPDT-KA

The Season of Giving is upon us! How about giving a deserving TSPCA pet a chance for a happy lifetime? If your child (or even your significant other) is hinting or begging for Santa to bring them a pet, you can generate a lot of excitement with the *promise* of a pet.

We would love for all of our pets at TSPCA to have their own forever-family with which to spend the holidays. Every one of our pets, from cuddly and cute puppies and kittens, challenging adolescents, to our special Lonely Hearts, deserves to be wanted and cared for.

Finding great forever homes for our pets is our goal. We believe strongly, though, that a pet should **never** be given as a present! A pet is not a gift that can be discarded or exchanged if the recipient doesn't like it, or returned for a different size or color. Unlike a toy, a pet can't be tossed aside as the novelty wears off.

A puppy or kitten certainly has that "aaawww" factor. This cuteness makes people forget the lifetime commitment they represent. Pet ownership is a significant commitment of time and money.

The promise of a pet makes a great gift. A certificate for an adoption fee and a promise to spend a day visiting the TSPCA would be a great gift for an adult. A child will enjoy a stuffed animal and a book about the animal. A cute picture frame can hold a promise of a future furry friend. You could put together a basket full of the necessities - leash, brush, toys and treats. A gift certificate to a pet-supply store is always the right size!

If you have already adopted your new family member and are heading into your first holiday season with him

or her, you will definitely face some challenges. Your new pet may think all the decorations are new toys for him to demolish, or they can be very frightening to a pet. Twinkling lights, while very attractive to cats, can have disastrous consequences. Many glass ornaments have been mistaken for balls and chomped by a happy doggy.

The household routine will become interrupted during the holidays. Having company in and out of your home can be stressful for a wallflower dog or cat. Your pet may digress in his housetraining or become more destructive. This would be a good time to investigate some enrichment toys, such as puzzle and food delivery toys. Your new pet will benefit greatly by you spending quality time with him, even if your schedule is rather hectic.

A pet is a gift, a blessing that lasts a lifetime. Their love and companionship don't come wrapped in Holiday paper.

Mary Green, CPDT-KA (Certified Pet Dog Trainer Knowledge Assessed), owns K9 Manners & More in Broken Arrow. She is a professional member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, an associate of the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants, and an AKC CGC (Canine Good Citizen) evaluator. Mary and co-trainer Kim Sykes, CPDT-KA are consultants for the Tulsa SPCA, assisting in training staff and volunteers, and working with their fabulous pets awaiting their forever homes. They can be reached at: www.k9-manners.com



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Gidget's story is not an uncommon one. She was fortunate to have a place like the Tulsa SPCA to give her a second chance at a happier, healthier life. But we couldn't do it without you. Your generous donations make it possible for us to provide second chances for hundreds of animals like Gidget every year. No amount is too small to make a difference. Won't you please help us help them by making your donation today?

Gidget can't really talk, of course; but if she could, we know she'd want to thank you.





Our list of needs and wishes keeps growing. Your generosity in providing these items helps us help them! Thank you so much!


For a complete list of needs and wishes, please visit www.tulsaspc.org

Pet Care & Playtime

- Canned or dry dog & cat food (Science Diet, Pedigree, Beneful or Iams please)
- METAL no-spill dog and cat bowls (all sizes for indoor and outdoor) 
- Nylabones
- Squeaky dog toys (all sizes; durable rubber type)
- Washable chew toys and heavy rope toys (great for chewers!)
- Kitty litter (non-clumping)
- Kitty toys (soft balls, interactive "fishing poles", small "chase" toys)
- Collars (all sizes, buckle style)
- Dog sweaters (all sizes)
- Tarps
- Comforters, quilts, thick blankets and sheets for comfy bedding at night
- Hot dogs


Babies and Foster Care

- Dry baby cereal
- Pet baby bottles (small and standard sizes)
- Baby-bottle nipples

- Esbilac milk replacement for puppies 
- KMR milk replacement for kittens
- Raw hamburger and chicken (for sick animals)
- Distilled water
- X-pens for puppies & kittens
- Premium canned kitten and puppy food
- Puppy pads (reusable/washable)

Everyday Needs - Clinic

- Large trash cans with wheels for transporting laundry
- Long, durable leashes
- Paper towels
- Clorox Clean-Up wipes
- Large and medium knotted rawhide chews
- Brooms & dust pans
- Empty spray bottles
- Large scrub brushes & handles
- Bottle brushes
- Baby wipes
- Lysol (spray & liquid)
- Pine-Sol
- Zip ties
- Nitrile latex gloves
- Metal poop-scooper sets

- Dawn dishwashing liquid
- Ziploc Bags (sandwich & gallon sizes) 
- Wooden clothes pins
- Rubber-backed kitchen rugs for outdoor kennel bedding during daytime outings
- Large Scotch-Brite scrub pads
- Industrial mop heads
- Fans of all sizes

Everyday Needs - Office

- Gift cards (Lowe's, Office Depot, Staples, Walmart)
- Postage stamps
- Batteries
- Ink pens (all colors, gel type)
- Laminating sheets (letter size)
- File and pocket folders
- Storage containers (all sizes)
- Post-It Notes
- Copy paper (letter size)
- Compressed air
- Sharpie pens (all colors, fine point)
- 3-ring binders (2 inch)
- Wooden clipboards
- CD-R disks and jackets
- Coin envelopes (1 1/2" x 2")
- Dry erase markers, fine point
- 3M Command Hooks (various sizes)
- Carbon-copy phone message books

From Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve, our friends at **Southern Agriculture** (71st and Sheridan Road location) set up a 'wish tree' in their lobby to make it easy for people to donate goods to support the TSPCA. The next time you're at Southern Ag shopping for your own critters, grab an ornament from the tree, add a suggested item or two to your cart and deposit them in the lobby boxes on your way out. We'll do the rest!

Get your pet's holiday photo made at **PetSmart in Tulsa Hills** on Saturday and Sunday, December 18 and 19, from 11 am to 4 pm. The TSPCA will be playing Santa and will receive a portion of the proceeds.

As always, donations may also be dropped off directly at our facility at **2910 Mohawk Blvd.** All contributions are greatly appreciated and help us keep our pets happy and healthy until they find their "forever homes".

"Foster a Lonely Pet for the Holidays" - More information will be available on our website soon.

Put Your Paws Together...for the Good Guys!

Good News and the Many Ways You Show You Care for the Pets!

Many thanks to our friends that bring donated items from our Wish List. Both pet-care items and office/"people" items allow us to provide quality care for the residents of our shelter and clinic. It's all for the animals that come to us for TLC, a new "leash" on life and a forever adoptive home. Monetary and service donations enable us to keep the TSPCA in the business of rescuing pets, training them for social experiences and finding a family to love. Bless you all for the help. We couldn't do this without you.

We greatly appreciate local businesses and event coordinators that extend invitations to the TSPCA's Mobile Adoption Center (MAC). These visits often result in adoptions and provide opportunities to demonstrate that rescued pets are great companions, not disposable trash.

Kudos to **SemGroup** who designated October as TSPCA Donation Month. Employees filled "dog house" donation bins with a variety of items that will enrich the lives of the pets in our care.

Put your paws together for those who help keep the MAC on the road. **Cummins Southern Plains** helps keep our overworked generator up and running. **Hunter RV Center**, **Express Mechanical**, **Tulsa Rapid Electric** and **Stewart's Automotive** quickly come to our rescue when other repairs are needed on our vehicles.

Heartfelt thanks to the alert and concerned citizens who notify the TSPCA Cruelty Investigator about pets that may need our help. They are neighbors, meter readers, mail carriers and others who suspect cases of cruelty, abandonment and/or neglect.

Our Jog the Dogs friends, **Dave and Katy Kraus**, earn a standing ovation for the purchase of a portable AC unit which helped keep our dogs cool during the long summer heat spell and for extra help on the weekends to keep cooling aids available for our panting pets.

Put your hands together for **maurices**, an upscale women's clothing store in Tulsa Hills, for hosting "Rescues and Runways", a second-year fundraiser that also promotes rescue awareness. September was designated as TSPCA Donation Month and featured pictures of available pets, a fashion show and silent auction. Many thanks for all the work on this event.

Exciting news! The TSPCA was selected for a makeover project by **Lowe's Heroes**. The seven Tulsa-area Lowe's stores supplied materials and labor for a number of improvements to our facility. When you shop at Lowe's, please take the opportunity to thank them for their generosity. Watch for "before" and "after" pictures in our next newsletter. Or drop by and see the results in person.

A big pat on the back for **Sylvan Printing**, our friend of several years, for dependable service and gratis support for special requests.

Thanks to **Spirit Bank** on Boulder for their help and support. The TSPCA staff especially appreciated the surprise lunch delivered to the facility. Happy tummies make happy workers.

Hurray for **Whole Foods Market** which sponsored a special OU/Texas event that benefited our agency, and to TSPCA employee **Marcy Spence** who spent time in the dunk tank on a breezy, cool day in order to raise extra funds.

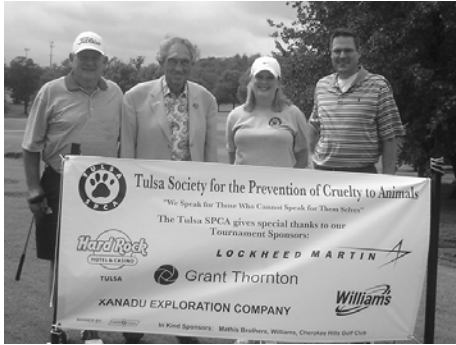
Thanks to **Keith Kantner**, TSPCA clinic's special pal. Keith came to the rescue, properly installing a safe which helped us meet DEA requirements during the restructure of Clinic Programming.

Cheers for the many generous young people - and adults - who choose to ask for birthday gifts for our pets instead of themselves. Rah, rah and hooray for those who organize fundraisers with family, neighbors and friends; provide items they make; and plan Scout, Campfire and school projects, all of which make the lives of our pets more like home. Special thanks to those who choose the TSPCA as the recipient for special events in their lives, such as Eagle Scout projects, Gold Award events, and Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations.

Much appreciation is sent to **Max Rust, DVM**. Dr. Rust took time from his private practice to provide TSPCA pets with basic vet services that allowed them to be released for adoption in a timely manner.

There are so many other individuals and companies we want to thank. Our apologies if someone is omitted from this list. It is human error, not lack of appreciation. Our thanks to everyone!





Tulsa SPCA's First Annual Celebrity Charity Golf Tournament at Cherokee Hills Golf Club

Special Thank You to Our Corporate Sponsors:

\$3,500 Best in Show: Lockheed Martin

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\$1,000 The Cat's Meow: Grant Thornton, Williams Companies, and Xanadu Exploration Company

Special Guest Appearance by Eddie Sutton, Former OSU Head Basketball Coach

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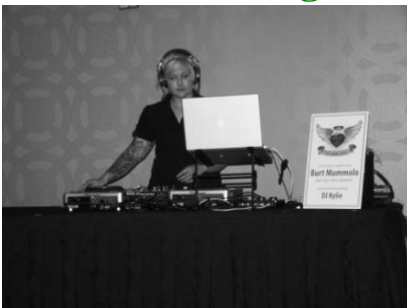


"For Paws Sake" Silent Auction & Fundraiser - A Wonderful Success!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:



We want to extend special thanks to Xeta Technologies, Inc. for donating an iPad and iPod for our raffle, making it a huge success.



Entertainment: DJ Kylie



Emcee: Burt Mummolo
News Channel 8

Thank you to those restaurants that participated in our Restaurant Pull:

Applebee's	Daily Grill	McGill's on 19
Baker St. Pub & Grill	Dilly Deli	McNellie's
Baxter's Interurban Grill	El Chico	Olive Garden
BBD II	El Guapo's Cantina	Petroleum Club of Tulsa
Bill & Ruth's	Fleming's	Piatto Cucina Italiana
Boston Deli Grill & Market	Fuddruckers	Potbelly's Pub & Grill
Brasserie Restaurant & Bar	Hideaway Pizza	Queenie's Plus
Bros. Houligan	In the Raw Sushi	SmashBurger
Campus Grill	Joe Momma's Pizza	Sonoma Bistro & Wine Bar
Chalkboard	Kilkenny's Irish Pub	Tei Kei's
Compadres Mexican Grill	Local Table	Veneto's Pizza Delivery
Cosmo Café	Los Cabos Mexican Grill	Yokozuna
Crawpappy's	Mazzio's Italian Eatery	





Lady Bear is Wonderful

We were thrilled when we adopted Lady Bear around July of 2007. We had heard the story of her past and how she had been dumped. She was alone and scared and later found to be pregnant. Special people finally coaxed her to safety in time for her to have her babies. She was a great mother, which is why she fit in so well with our family. When we brought her home, she came to a home of 3 larger dogs. Her motherly instincts quickly established her dominance. She quickly taught her human family who was running the household, too. She is still shy with other people but shows her love with her family. She loves to go on rides to spend a day at the office and to visit all the wonderful folks at Tulsa SPCA. We are delighted that concerned citizens brought her to Tulsa SPCA and we were able to adopt her into our family.

-Bob Morse and Diane Hale



Lady Bear and Family

"Sammy Fund" - Continued from Page 1



The TSPCA sends out a HUGE thank you to our loyal donors and supporters of the Sammy Fund.

We are so grateful to those who have contributed in the past and continue to support its mission. Only with your help can we continue our work to bring these animals back to full health.

Watch for the TSPCA's Mobile Adoption Center (MAC) and several of our adoptable animals in the Owasso and Collinsville Christmas parades on Saturday, December 11.

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Once the dogs were physically healed, it was the Pet Care Specialists' turn to help heal the "inside". The dogs worked on their social skills and manners daily and made great strides in preparing for life in their new homes - all have now been adopted by loving families.

This rescue, along with many similar cases, could never happen without your contributions. The money donated to the Tulsa SPCA is used to help fund our mission of rescuing, rehabilitating and adopting pets to citizens of Tulsa and surrounding areas. We appreciate your support and hope we can count on you in the future.



"Two Dogs" - Continued from Page 3



While Sue was adapting to her new home life, the Tulsa SPCA rescued another dog we named Raymond. He showed up in the yard of a kind citizen who brought him to the TSPCA on July 1, 2010. Raymond needed someone to love and a dog companion to help him overcome his shyness.

Meanwhile, the Gowens family felt that Sue needed a furry friend to bring more enjoyment into her life - and then they met Raymond. When Sue and Raymond met for the first time they hit it off without a hitch. The Gowens adopted Raymond on September 23, 2010, and life in their home

hasn't been the same since. These two have become best furry-friends and love to play and chase each other. They share toys and beds - these two dogs couldn't be happier and are great companions for their human friends, too.

