



# TRACKS

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FALL 2011

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## Tulsa SPCA Assists In Latimer County Abuse Case

### 79 ANIMALS SEIZED FROM CAJUN COUNTRY ANIMAL RESCUE

By Lori Hall

The headline in the *Latimer County News-Tribune* read "Children and Animals Removed From Cajun Country Animal Rescue". The story contained comments from Latimer County Sheriff Robert Brooks describing the conditions for the Duhon family and animals that were living there. When the Tulsa SPCA arrived to assist, animals were found in alarming condition...many severely malnourished and some near death. Skulls and bones were scattered throughout the property as well as carcasses of recently dead pets. The animals that were living outside were without food and had either no water or water that was brackish and stagnant. The inside animals had water and food, but both were covered with cockroaches and fleas. It was hard to comprehend that pets and people - even children - were living in such deplorable conditions, but rescuers had to quickly get past the shock and tend to the animals.



Malnourished horses were removed from 'rescue' organization

The original request we received from authorities was to take in at least 10 dogs and help them find homes. But by the time we left, over 35 dogs, 6 cats and a goose were loaded in our van for the trip back to the Tulsa SPCA. In fact, we ran out of crates so one dog rode in a staff member's lap while another slept in front of the air conditioner between the driver and passenger seats.

That day we concentrated on the animals that were in need of immediate care. A few of the dogs were dehydrated, severely malnourished and anemic. Others were so flea infested that sores covered their bodies. One smaller dog had a severely infected dog bite on her side and required sedation to clean the wound followed by strong antibiotics to clear out the infection. Some of the cats were also severely dehydrated and malnourished; one kitten died a few days later because of the severity of her condition.



Medical attention was the first order of business for rescued pets

Our clinic staff worked hard, assembling outside cages from materials on hand, preparing space and kennels inside the clinic, and gathering the supplies required for those urgently needing medical care. The next day, about ten more dogs and two horses from Cajun Country were added to our growing population. The local shelter had no space for these dogs and, although not in need of urgent medical care, they would have been euthanized if not removed from the property that day. The two horses were taken to a foster home where clean stalls and ample food awaited. They were started on hay and will be gradually introduced to nearby fields of green grass.

The following week, the Duhon's relinquished the remaining animals and the Mobile Adoption Center (MAC) was taken to pick up the remaining 35 dogs from shelters in that area. While in better physical

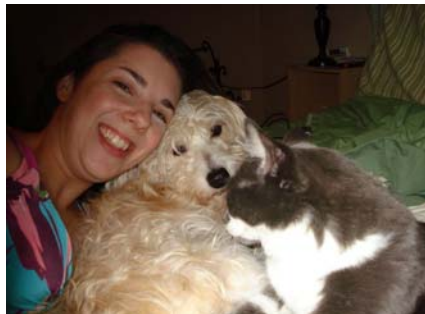
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# Happy Tails

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@tulsaspca.org](mailto:tspca@tulsaspca.org).

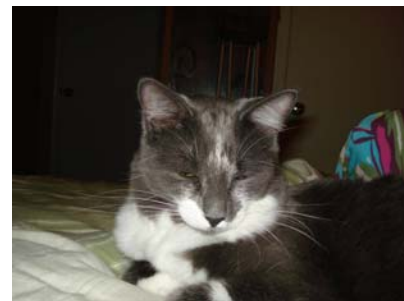
## Playdough



Here's Playdough in his new 'furrever' home with his new mom and playmate Jasper, a rescued dog from the OKC shelter.

Thought you might like to see Playdough chillin' on the bed at his new home.

- Theresa McConnell Herleth



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**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.tulsaspca.org](http://www.tulsaspca.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 use)
- Large buckets used as outside water bowls for dogs
- Nylabones
- Kong toys
- Treat-dispensing toys
- Large and medium knotted rawhide chews
- Squeaky dog toys (all sizes; durable rubber type)
- Washable chew toys and heavy rope toys (great for chewers!)
- Small cat litter boxes
- Large square tubs
- Kitty litter (non-clumping)
- Kitty toys (soft balls, interactive "fishing poles", small "chase" toys)
- Collars (all sizes, buckle style)
- Dog sweaters (all sizes)
- Exercise pens
- Metal crates
- Fencing materials
- Kuranda dog beds (see our website for a link to order these beds)
- Comforters, quilts, thick blankets and sheets for comfy bedding at night

- Tarps
- Hot dogs (training treats)
- Natural dog treats
- Honey and peanut butter

### **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
- Premium canned kitten and puppy food
- Puppy pads

### **Everyday Needs - Clinic**

- Large trash cans with wheels for transporting laundry
- Long, durable leashes
- Paper towels
- First-aid supplies
- Clorox Clean-Up wipes
- Brooms & dust pans
- Empty spray bottles
- Large scrub brushes with handles
- Bottle brushes
- Baby wipes
- Lysol (spray & liquid)
- Pine-Sol
- Swiffer dry and wet pads
- Metal poop-scooper sets

- Nitrile latex gloves
- Zip ties
- 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
- Computers for Cruelty Investigator and Kennel Manager
- Ink pens (all colors, gel type)
- Multi-colored hi-liters
- Laminating sheets (letter size)
- File and pocket folders
- Storage containers (all sizes)
- Post-It Notes
- White or colored copy paper (letter size)
- Sharpie pens (all colors, fine point)
- 3-ring binders (2 inch)
- Clipboards
- CD-R disks and jackets
- Coin envelopes (1 1/2" x 2")
- Dry erase markers, fine point
- Carbon-copy phone message books

**Ranger**



Ashley asked us to share pictures of how Ranger is doing every now and then. This is one of my fav pics we have taken so far. Thanks again for our newest family addition. - Lacey Hanner


Thank you for letting me adopt Carter. He had so much fun last night. - Katheryn Sluiter




**Carter**



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- Keep the treats away from your pets. Chocolate can be lethal to dogs and cats.
- Make sure your pets can't reach your decorations' electric cords. If chewed, your pets can get a nasty burn or even a deadly shock.
- Some pets enjoy dressing up in costume. If yours falls into this category, enjoy the season but make sure the costume does not constrict his movement or hearing. If your pets prefer their 'birthday suit', don't stress them out by insisting they dress up for the occasion.
- With all the strangers appearing at your door, play it safe and keep your pets in a separate room away from the hubbub.
- Just in case your pet should escape during all the commotion, make sure he is wearing current ID tags. That is the best way to ensure your pet will be returned.



## Jazz-ing Up The Office

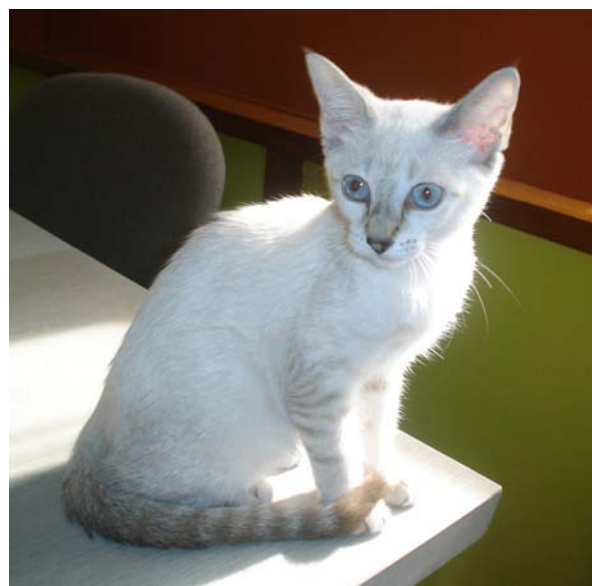
### ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

By Lori Hall

A Tulsa city worker found a small kitten wandering around a water plant and knew that was not the place for her. The kitten he brought in was in great need of food, water and some loving attention. Due to our recent involvement in several large rescues, however, no space was available for her to stay in our clinic. Fortunately though, she was quite healthy in spite of the time spent on her own and she was soon settled into one of the shelter offices. She didn't seem to mind a bit. Her lively personality quickly blossomed and her name became Jasmine - Jazzy for short.

Jazzy may have been unwanted by her previous owners, but she has become a rare treat for us. She lost no time in showing the office staff that she is quite willing to help wherever she can...using the office phones to call the clinic's intercom or commandeering the computers to type out messages in a language only she can decipher.

And in return, all Jazzy - or any of our animals, for that matter - needs is nutritious food, a safe place to stay and lots of love until she finds a permanent home. Your generous donations make it possible for us to provide the food and a safe haven. The love we provide for free.



Jasmine watches for another opportunity to help in the office

## Helping Hands for Horses

We were thrilled to be involved with the rescue of the Latimer County horses. Items needed for their care, however, are not things we usually have on hand at the TSPCA. If you can help by providing any of the following supplies, the horses would certainly benefit from the donations. For more information, please contact Courtney Waska at 918-428-7722.

Feed Buckets  
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Producers Pride)  
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Hay  
Wormer (Tractor Supply)



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Combs  
Horse Blankets  
Fly Blankets  
Hoof Picks  
Feed Bunks with Hay Feeder  
Rack Above  
Metal Trash Cans (Feed Storage)  
Round Bale Feeders  
Rubber Grain Feeders

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condition, these dogs needed good food and routine medical care, including vaccinations and treatments for fleas and ticks.

Shortly after the arrival of the 80 dogs, TSPCA Auxiliary members began visiting with them in their kennels to help with their social skills. Within days, Auxiliary members and Jog-the-Dog volunteers had the dogs out and about, working on their leash training. The following weekend an adoptathon was held for the entire Tulsa SPCA pet population. With the help of the staff and our volunteers, 30 dogs and cats found forever homes, freeing up space so more dogs could be moved inside at night. We have heard back from many of the adopting families and know that these furry babies are in good homes.

The TSPCA's ability to rescue these animals from their deplorable living conditions and to prevent the euthanasia of otherwise healthy animals due to space limitations at other facilities was possible due to contributions in many forms. Past donations enabled us to physically deal with the arrival of such a large number of animals. Additional goods and funds came pouring in when donors learned of our involvement in this rescue. Our dedicated staff met every challenge, finding creative ways to make space so these dogs and cats could have their second chance. Volunteers stepped up to help our staff care for the extra animals and prepare them for their new homes. At the TSPCA, we strive to be there for as many needy pets as possible. We rely on your continued support in order to meet the next challenge that awaits us.



A cat waits patiently for her check-up



Clyde, the goose, makes do with just part of his left foot

*A funny story to this rescue: Outside kennels were erected out of the supplies we had around the grounds. We thought they were put together pretty well, but these little guys and gals found ways to escape. Normally when there is a loose dog on the grounds the staff has to run and corral them to safety. But these dogs would either run to a staff member to let them know they were out or head straight to the clinic's front door. For animals that came from such horrible conditions, they are the most loving pets we have ever gotten from a rescue.*



# Kids and Dogs

Contributed by Mary Green, CPDT-KA

Does anyone remember 'Tramp' from *My Three Sons*, or 'Comet' from *Full House*? I bet you remember 'Lassie'! Parents sometimes idealize the dog and child relationships they've seen portrayed on TV or movies. They envision their own Lassie following Timmy everywhere keeping him out of harm's way. They can see their kids calmly watching TV and playing board games while Tramp lies quietly beside them. The reality is, though, they may have Marmaduke, Marley or Beethoven living in their house. And their kids may behave more like the Little Rascals than The Brady Bunch.

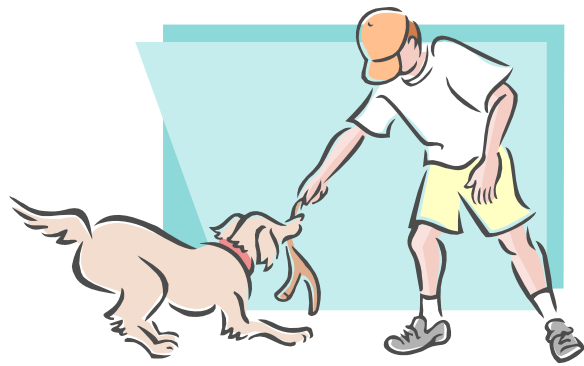
***It is entirely possible for kids and animals to get along nicely and behave appropriately...with a few rules and a bit of training.***

Pet Parenting is much like Child Parenting. Rules are important, and reinforcement (reward) is the key to success. For example, the dog's rule is to not jump up on the child. The child's rule is to NOT scream and jump around the dog and get him all wound up. The reinforcement for the dog: praise, petting and treats for sitting still. The reinforcement for the child: praise for being calm and earning an opportunity to play with the dog. The rules for the parents: be consistent, be clear and be generous.

Here are some guidelines for child/dog interplay:

## Establish Appropriate Play!

- Fetch - using 2 toys or balls will encourage the dog to relinquish a ball rather than playing keep away. It doesn't matter too much if the dog doesn't bring the ball back; just have the child throw the spare and go get the first one when the dog drops it. Eventually, they can work on the delivery!
- Hide and Seek - there are a couple of ways to do this great game. While someone distracts or gently restrains the dog, the child can go and hide. When they are ready, they call or whistle for the dog, who then has to find them. Be sure the child has treats to give the dog when they are "found".
- Hide and Seek (child hides a treat from the dog) - the child can also hide a dog biscuit and teach the dog to hunt for it. Just don't let the dog dig into carpeting or furniture to find the treat!
- Soccer - dogs enjoy playing with a semi-deflated soccer ball or basketball. The child can kick or toss it and the dog can chase it.



- Tug - it's really okay! The rules are important. Tug-of-war is only allowed with specific toys, such as a long rope or fleece toy. It's okay for the child to let go and the dog to "win". Discourage the dog from re-gripping the toy and end the game if the dog puts his mouth on the child. End the game with a release command, such as "out" or "give". Initially you may make a trade (of a treat) for the tug toy.
- Tricks - teach your dog a trick! There are some great books and videos available to guide you.

## Eliminate Inappropriate Play

- Chasing - do not allow your kids and dogs to play chase. This is too much stimulation and excitement for a dog and is too closely linked to a predatory behavior!
- Wrestling - this isn't appropriate form of play. Dogs can wrestle with other dogs if it's mutually agreeable, but please - no wrestling with people! That includes big kids and dads.
- Teasing - encouraging a dog to do a naughty behavior because it is cute is teasing and can lead to increasing undesirable behavior. Dogs don't understand what teasing is about and may become easily frustrated and potentially aggressive.

Peaceful co-existence is possible with kids and dogs. While the idyllic family pets I mentioned earlier are fictional, you can achieve great results in your own home when you plan for success.

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# Meet Little Annie

By Lori Hall

It was a brutally hot summer day when the call came in to our Cruelty Investigator, Tim Geen. A neighbor was requesting our help for a female dog - one of three that had been left behind when a family moved out. The concerned neighbor was able to find homes for the two male Bassett Hounds, but no one wanted to take in this very pregnant little girl.

When Tim arrived at the house, he found the 1 to 2-year-old Bagle (Basset Hound/Beagle mix) with no food and very little water. She was brought to the Tulsa SPCA that Wednesday, August 3, a day when temperatures soared to 110 degrees. On the verge of heat exhaustion, she was quickly taken inside and bathed with cold rags. We decided to name her Annie...it just seemed to fit.

There were no available kennels to house her indoors, so a pallet was made in an office area. Although covered from head to paw with fleas, treatment for these pests had to be



A very pregnant Annie, waiting for the big day

postponed due to the risk of passing the chemicals on to the unborn puppies. Fleas notwithstanding, she quickly settled in, made herself at home and prepared for the arrival of her puppies.

By Friday morning, nine healthy babies were born. They appear to have been fathered by one of the Bassett Hounds abandoned in the house with Annie. She was so exhausted that she slept on and off for two days. To ensure she was eating at least two good meals per day,



Taking a well-deserved nap with the new arrivals

she was hand fed by the staff the first few days. Annie now gets up to eat and goes outside for short periods of time to stretch her little legs.

Annie is a very good mother and after visitors stop by to see her and her babies, she checks to reassure herself that everyone is accounted for.

One of the pups has developed an infection on her side which has spread down her right hind leg. It's believed that too much cleaning by Annie caused it to become raw and infected. The puppy has been temporarily separated from mom and is being bottle fed at this time. If amputation of the leg should become necessary, the surgery will be paid

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## Gypsy Rose

Here is a picture of my Gypsy Rose. I adopted her from the Tulsa SPCA in 1999 (her name was Gypsum then). She is 15 years old now and still going strong! In this picture, she is in her favorite window perch. Thanks for all you do for these babies!

- Kristin Lindhorst



## Whiskers

Whiskers has been home for 10 minutes and here she is reclining like a queen!

- Gail Armstrong





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for by the Sammy Fund - a donation-based program that pays for specialized medical treatment. Only continued donations will ensure that many of these injured or ill animals can enjoy a long and happy life.

Once weaned, Annie's babies will be ready to be placed in their new homes. They now have the opportunity to live happy lives with families who love them. Annie and her puppies had a fighting chance because of the work done at the Tulsa SPCA. Your kind support makes it possible.

*"A dog can express more with his tail  
in seconds than his owner can express  
with his tongue in hours."*

*- Author Unknown*

### Bingo Bash a Big Success

We were absolutely delighted by the response to Bingo Bash 2011. It was years ago that we last held this event, so we took a stab at how many we thought would attend, then held our breath in hopes that most of the chairs would be filled. But not only did every seat get filled, we scrambled to set up more tables to accommodate the many wonderful supporters who came to join in the fun.

When all was said and done, we ended up with almost \$7,000 in profit. These funds will allow the Auxiliary to continue to support the goals of the TSPCA as they work to reach out to even more animals that need our help.

Next year, we plan to have more tables, more food and the same great activities for everyone to enjoy. We hope you'll join us for Bingo Bash 2012!!



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# Put Your Paws Together...

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

Girl Scouts are super helpers with donations. Special kudos to **Girl Scout Troop #32** and **Girl Scout Troop #1030** (from Carnegie School) for the always welcome food and toys. Many of our rescued pets have been without these important things in their lives.

**Eagle Scout Riley Nielson's** Eagle Badge project is a special addition for training TSPCA pets. An agility course was built and placed on the campus. These tools provide a new and fun way for the staff to work with the dogs to focus attention and address any behavior issues. Cheers of appreciation go to you.

Our Jog the Dog volunteers have been busy this summer, going the 'extra mile' and contributing more than just leg power to help our dogs. A HUGE thank you to the following individuals and businesses that make such a difference:

**Colleen Ayres-Griffin** for purchasing hot-pink collars for 'off-limits' dogs (those that are not to be walked for various reasons) and for making plexiglass nameplates for the outdoor yards.

**Marty Odom & Plastic Engineering Co. of Tulsa** for donating the plexiglass for the nameplates.

**Linda and Irene Warwick** for acquiring clips to attach the nameplates to the pens so joggers will know which dogs have already been walked on busy Saturday mornings. This helps ensure that all dogs have a chance to enjoy a stroll. They also purchased and installed tarps to help shade our outdoor yards.

**Brian Hoover** for donating hay for the horses acquired in a recent rescue operation.

**Dawn Chase at Los Cabos, Ihloff Salon & Spa, Derek Jones at Re Massage & Bodyworks, Sloppy Dog Wash, Yoga Room, Hideaway Pizza and Janet Jones at Yellow Dog Bakery** for donating the monthly 'Just Woof It' prizes that Jog the Dog volunteers are eligible to win.

And many Jog the Dog volunteers have recently donated wading pools, buckets and other needed supplies to help keep our dogs comfortable during this unusually hot summer. Several also donated items for the TSPCA Auxiliary's Bingo Bash fundraiser.

**Dazzle Dog** continues to donate much-needed grooming for the dogs that likely have never had such an experience. The critters preen and prance with their new looks. **Companions Forever** respectfully honors the ending for pets that are unable to continue life on earth.

Several persons shared birthday wishes with the pets by asking for donations of goods or cash in lieu of personal gifts. Many thanks for your generous thoughts go to **Natalie Bair, Kendall Graves, Lexie Lipe and Abigail Hills**.

Teacher **Rachel Colwell** and her class at **McKinley School** sponsor a pet throughout the school year and make donations of food and toys for the pet's special needs.

The Bar Mitzvah of **Ben Weintraub** brought a welcome cash donation. Awesome friends are all ages.

Weddings are also joining the donor celebrations by creatively updating the tossing of rice and instead using soft squeaky toys that are then brought to the shelter for the pets to enjoy. Nicely packaged bird seed was provided at another wedding and the unused packages were donated to treat our feathered friends.

Help from all volunteers is much appreciated whether the cause is fundraising, a need for material donations, time to help with pets and care, or making the daily operation of the TSPCA run smoother.

Thanks goes to **Tulsa People Magazine** for devoting the month of June to a pet photo contest and fundraiser that brought attention to Tulsa pet owners. Dog and cat owners were recognized, TSPCA pets were spotlighted and the event was fun for all who participated. A great staff of animal lovers provided ideas, talents and enthusiasm for this annual contest. The TSPCA pets pictured in the contest issue are now in forever homes and well represented the wonderful rescues that are always available. Puppy and kitty love to all.

The long and unrelenting heat coupled with an increased number of pets requiring rescue has put a big strain on the Tulsa SPCA to furnish adequate care and comfort for all. Help has been generously provided by many friends who have stepped forward with both provisions and services. Our thanks goes out to everyone. Because of you, we at TSPCA have been able to expand our efforts and aid some extremely needy pets.

This summer's heat required more shade cloth, tarps, outside (and inside at night) wading pools and larger than usual amounts of ice to cool runs and water buckets. Several TSPCA volunteers helped the staff check pen areas for needed refills. Extra supplies were donated by several Jog the Dogs volunteers, the Tulsa SPCA Auxiliary, and donors/friends who recognized the increased summer requirements. Thank you all for supporting our cooling efforts.



## ...for the Good Guys!

**Studio D Photography** (formerly Moto Photo) in Tulsa raised funds through their annual Cutest Pet Contest with an offer of a free pet portrait in return for a donation to the Tulsa SPCA. Judging the many professional photos of obviously-loved pets was a real challenge. Much thanks to our supporter of many years.

The Tulsa SPCA, **Kristin Tallent & Fox 23** and Jog-the-Dog volunteer **Alison Vanderhoof** sponsored a fundraiser for the animals left homeless because of the Joplin tornado. Thanks to a loaned vehicle and horse trailer supplied by TSPCA Board of Directors member **Vicki Limas** and the TSPCA van and staff drivers, the monetary and pet-related donations were delivered to a thankful and overwhelmed pet-rescue effort in Joplin. Cheers for all who helped make this project happen.

Our currently large population of pets is the result of three significant rescues in the last few months. A "first" for the TSPCA was an Adoptathon on a July weekend to spur interest in finding forever homes. Without dedicated staff, volunteers from many sources and the willingness of all to learn new skills and roles, this project would not have been possible. Instead, TSPCA had a record month for adoptions and many more pets are now in loving homes. Kudos to all who helped. We could not continue to grow in services and rescues without you.

This summer has brought the TSPCA some unusual situations with rescues not only of large numbers of long-neglected, sick and malnourished pets, but of horses as well. Thanks to a timely offer from **Benjamin and Morgan Johanson** to share available acreage with livestock and other wildlife, the TSPCA had a ready resource for these starving and forgotten horses. Along with the need for boarding/fostering comes the issue of food. Enter the White Knights of TSPCA friends...drum roll please...**Keith Kantner** and **Brian Hoover**, who provided a source for hay. Check out the TSPCA website for pictures of once starving and now happy horses giving nods of appreciation.

One hot summer day a young friend set up a soda and lemonade stand next door to an estate sale on her block and donated the proceeds for the care of the needy dogs and cats. Kitty purrs and doggie kisses for a great job.

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TSPCA pets lounge in style and enjoy luxury ZZZ's due to the generosity of many. A large quantity of always-needed blankets was donated by **Volunteers of America** and **CEO John Selph**. A number of sheepskin seat covers arrived from **American Airlines** in honor of **Seat Shop 271-S**. **Jim French** created a wood and carpet model cot for kenneled pets, and many people donated both new and used sheets, pillow cases, towels and other bedding.

**Cedarwood Veterinary Clinic** provides specialized help with diagnostic procedures. Paws come together in recognition of a variety of needed services.

Fundraising help came from efforts by **Belk** of Tulsa Hills, **Tulsa Promenade Mall** and **Clearwater Creek** in Woodland Hills Shopping Center. We also want to acknowledge the **Tulsa SPCA Board of Directors** and **Chairperson Brian Pingleton** for organizing the 2nd Annual "For Paws Sake" Golf Tournament. Monies go for the care and welfare of the TSPCA pets.

Meanwhile, volunteers with special projects win special applause. Recognition goes to the **OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine** and their group of volunteers that labored at filling holes, cleaning rescue crates, and moving food and cat litter to storage. They also provided a donation for much-needed additional fencing.

Thanks also to volunteers **Wayne and Caroline Sutton** for labor and a generous donation for the purchase of fencing materials to both expand and repair pen spaces for the overflow of dogs. Happy barks of joy to you from the pups for a chance to stretch legs, run and play.

**Brooks Industries** provided repairs for the ice machine that keeps water cool and dogs comfortable in the brutal summer heat. Jog-the-Dogs volunteer **Katy Krause** supplied 60 bags of ice while the machine was down. Electrical Wizard **Joe Rickman** came to the rescue when the excessive heat caused extra demands on the electrical system and breakers began blowing in late afternoon, stopping the fans that cool the indoor runs. A standing ovation is deserved for all those involved.

This time period has seen a huge increase in the number of animals in need that have come in large groups, requiring bigger needs for food, material goods, cash donations and volunteer time and effort. The TSPCA Staff has also endured seven days a week of blistering heat to provide for the critters. Thank you all for giving the lives of so many needy pets the opportunity for a better existence. Please forgive any omissions of recognition. The TSPCA feels humbled by the kindness and generosity of all.







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