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Resting comfortably in a soft, warm bed

## Sammy's Road To Recovery By Lori Hall

### Claiming The Life He Deserves

On December 7, 'Sammy' was found roaming the streets of Tulsa, looking for his next meal. Thanks to an extremely concerned staff member, this very fortunate dog made his way to the Tulsa SPCA. He arrived here skin and bones, just days away from death. Now that he was out of harm's way, Sammy enjoyed a good meal, a warm place to stay and a comfy bed to sleep on at night.



Eating a nutritious meal on arrival at the TSPCA

Large sores covered Sammy's body as a result of demodectic mange. Some of his teeth were broken off, others were cracked and at least one had an exposed root. It was hard to imagine the pain he must be enduring. Medication and nutritious meals were needed to combat the mange. However, the condition of his teeth made it difficult to eat hard food, so his meals consisted of soft canned food.

Sammy seemed to sense he was in good hands with his new friends and kept a positive attitude throughout his healing process. Although in pain, he tolerated all procedures needed to help him survive. His trusting nature showed in the softness of his big brown eyes.

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

## Charlemagne



We just wanted to give you an update on Charlemagne (adopted in September 2010). He is loving his new spoiled life. He does NOT approve of the snow though! And he decided to eat the article about him in the Tulsa SPCA newsletter instead of listening to me read it.

- Thank you,  
Caitlin Bauer



Editor's note: Charlemagne ('Randy' while at the TSPCA) came to us last summer when a puppy mill in northeastern Oklahoma closed. He and many other dogs were housed in a metal building that would soon have become unbearable in the Oklahoma heat. Now he is part of this wonderful family.

## Rescue Operations Provide New Hope

### Breeders Shutting Down

By Lori Hall

At the end of 2010, the Tulsa SPCA participated in three major rescues involving breeders who were closing their doors. The third group was the largest and included animals with the most medical needs.

A couple of these dogs came in with parvovirus, commonly called parvo. This disease attacks a dog's white blood cells, intestinal tract and heart muscles, rendering them non-functional. Without proper treatment, parvo often results in death. Intensive care is required for a dog to have a fighting chance against this disease. Under the direction of Tulsa SPCA veterinarian Sarah Gordon and the care of our clinic staff, these dogs were given that chance. They were immediately started on medication to destroy the virus so they would feel well enough to eat again and regain their strength to continue the healing process. Even so, the dogs developed diarrhea and had to be kept hydrated with IV fluids.



Most of the dogs already on campus were safe from the virus because they were current on their vaccinations. However, our puppies who were not old enough to start receiving vaccinations were at risk. To keep the disease from spreading and potentially causing a painful death, several dedicated volunteers fostered our babies until it was safe for them to return.

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### About Tulsa SPCA

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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.tulsaspc.org](http://www.tulsaspc.org)*

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- 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 (training treats)

### **Babies and Foster Care**

- Dry baby cereal
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- Bottle brushes
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- Nitrile latex gloves
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- Large Scotch-Brite scrub pads

- Industrial mop heads
- Fans of all sizes

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- Microsoft Office Suite 2007 or newer
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- 10-key adding machine
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- Push pins
- Kleenex




## **Luna Laurel**

Merry Christmas from Luna Laurel. She has had a fabulous first Christmas with the Careys! We renamed her Luna but we kept Laurel as her middle name. We crated her when she first came and the mornings were a blur of glorious kisses and waggy-tail love. She is so happy to exit the crate (and she is actually sleeping fine in it but her occasional licking wakes us up) that she leaps up on the bed and spreads the love around. It makes us laugh out loud and is a joyful way to wake up! She is such a lovey dog!

- Thank you, Kathy Carey



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## A Dream Come True

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A heartfelt thank you to the Dr. August Goldstein family and Barbara Shoemake, whose generous donations have enabled us to make the Goldstein Education Center a reality. This building will serve as the cornerstone of the new Tulsa SPCA facility. Although still in the early planning stages, our goal is to have the education center built in time for our centennial celebration in 2013. At that time, we also hope to kick off the capital campaign for our new kennel facility.

We are blessed to have such wonderful supporters who believe in what we do for the community of Tulsa. All of your help make it possible for us to continue to "speak for those who cannot speak for themselves".



**Put your ad in the next  
 issue of the Tulsa SPCA's  
 Tracks. Contact Lori Hall  
 or Courtney Waska at  
 918-428-7722.**

## We Remember Our Friend

Wade Farnan (10/7/1942 - 3/7/2011)

Wade Farnan spent his career in law enforcement in and around Tulsa. He retired and changed his focus from people to animals on March 6, 2008, when he became the Cruelty Investigator for the Tulsa SPCA. From the start there was no request too big, too insignificant or too daunting. The common factor was a need to teach responsible pet ownership and correct the wrongs of cruelty, neglect or abandonment.

Wade's kind and gentle side could become stern and commanding when needed. Dogs and cats arrived at the TSPCA with many different needs, usually in Wade's personal vehicle. Two large Malamutes, malnourished, neglected and scared, were transported several miles without protest, feeling secure in Wade's company. A small puppy abandoned in a motel room late at night was exchanged at a local QuikTrip and boarded at Wade's home overnight until he could be delivered to the TSPCA the next day. True to his dedication for rescue, Wade's cell number was readily available.

The TSPCA staff came to know this champion for pets as a loyal and dependable new "family" member. Wade readily applied his legal knowledge, connections and resources to solve problems for staff members. Both pets and people have lost a unique and valued friend.



# Dogs Get Bullied, Too

By Lori Hall

On December 30, a mother and daughter came rushing into the TSPCA clinic with a two-month-old puppy in their arms and tears in their eyes. They had rescued 'Remus' after he was attacked by some neighborhood dogs.

Dr. Sarah Gordon and the clinic staff rushed Remus to the examining table to determine the extent of his injuries and found deep puncture wounds and a severely swollen eye. The long road to repair the damage began immediately.



Happy and healthy, Remus is ready to find his forever home

The wounds around Remus's eye had to be kept open in order for them to drain and heal properly from the inside out. Strong antibiotics helped to fight infection. And despite some understandable whimpering during treatments, he never resisted what needed to be done to help him heal. He just wanted to sit in someone's lap and snuggle.

Remus was justifiably scared when he first arrived, but time has healed this little guy both physically and mentally. Now fully recovered, this sweet young man who loves human companionship is ready to become a permanent addition to someone's lucky family.



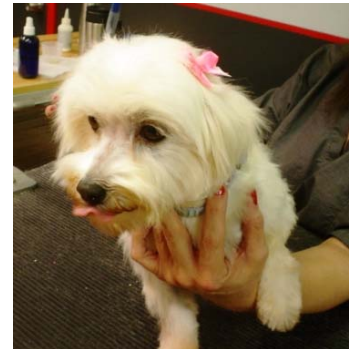
A bruised and battered Remus arrives at the TSPCA clinic

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Among these rescued dogs were couple of females that developed pyometra, a serious uterine infection causing hundreds of deaths in dogs each year. Care had to be taken when spaying these dogs to keep the infection from spreading into the abdomen. They were immediately started on strong antibiotics and the clinic staff kept a watchful eye to make sure they were well hydrated and getting proper nutrition. Without proper care they may not have survived a month; now they are healthy and ready for their new homes.

Dr. Gordon spayed another female only to have her uterus fall apart while trying to remove it. This poor girl had been bred to the point that her uterus could no longer stay intact. This obviously would have caused major complications for her in the near future. Now she is spayed and living comfortably in a home full of love.



The majority of the dogs from the third rescue had sarcoptic mange, a form of scabies in which the mites actually dig tiny tunnels into the skin causing intense itching. This severe itching can cause self trauma from excessive scratching, resulting in hair loss and skin lesions. Under Dr. Gordon's supervision, the clinic staff started the dogs on a proper diet and medical treatments to clear up the mange. As they recovered, their fur grew back unevenly and the dogs desperately needed grooming. The staff at Kelly's Dazzle Dog Grooming Spa provided special treatments to 16 dogs in one day. These guys and gals went from living a life of hard knocks to one of luxury, getting the pampering they deserved.



If not for the talents and care of our staff, the dedication of our volunteers, the open hearts of businesses such as Kelly's Dazzle Dog Grooming Spa and all of our supporters who donate to the Sammy Fund, the Tulsa SPCA could not have taken in so many dogs with such severe medical needs. 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 many of these rescues. Surgeries and medical treatments are made possible by this fund and greatly improve the adoption opportunities for these wonderful pets.

On page 8 is a Happy Tail about Maggie (Magnolia at the TSPCA), one of the dogs who was among the rescued animals. It's just one example of the outcome that is possible for these and many other dogs who have experienced situations no living being should endure. Many others are waiting at the TSPCA to experience their own 'Happy Tail'.





## California Girl

Fergie was found running down the middle of Sheridan Road in freezing cold weather one night when she was about 2 months old. Some wonderful person picked her up and took her to Tulsa SPCA where more wonderful people took care of her until we adopted her. Now she lives in warm, sunny Southern California and never leaves.

- Jeff Larsen



## Lonely Hearts Club Featured Pet: Gretchen

By Kris Allison, Jog-the-Dog Program Volunteer and Facebook Lonely-Hearts Contributor

### WHAT IS THE LONELY HEARTS CLUB?

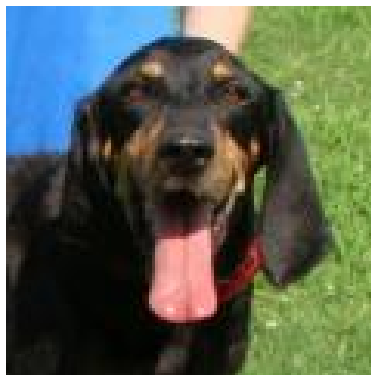
Pets residing at the Tulsa SPCA become members of our Lonely Hearts Club if any of the following apply:

- they have lived at the TSPCA for at least six months
- they have special needs, such as a health consideration
- they require special fencing
- they are a senior animal

To encourage adoption of Lonely Hearts, the TSPCA offers 50% off our regular adoption fee; Lonely Hearts fees are only \$40 for cats and \$50 for dogs. There are several Lonely Hearts waiting to meet their forever families at the Tulsa SPCA. See them at [www.tulsaspc.org](http://www.tulsaspc.org); they are identified with a heart symbol next to their name.

### GRETCHEN - GLASS HALF FULL, LOOKING FOR (YOUR) LOVE

Hello everyone, my name is Gretchen and I'm around 10 years old. I was abandoned over the summer and had to fend for myself until I arrived at the Tulsa SPCA. Why my people dumped me after so many years is a mystery, but I'm an optimist and know my future is bright!



Life is better now and I live in the moment and make the best out of my situation. When volunteers come out to walk and play with the dogs at the TSPCA, I stand in

my play yard with a smile on my face and a wag in my tail, knowing that soon it will be my turn. When we head out on our walks, I do my best to show my friends that age is just a number. There is still plenty of energy left in me and I'm never too tired to show a good friend some affection. After some exercise, I turn into a Grade "A" couch potato and am ready to enjoy some serious snuggling.

Sometimes the staff members take me home with them and they are delighted with my good manners. I get along well with the resident dogs and enjoy naps by myself in a sunny room when I need some quiet time. It was a snap for me to figure out that a doggy door is there for me to use when I need to go outside.

The staff and volunteers all say I'm among their favorites and I'm a frequent guest on the MAC (Mobile Adoption Center). Everyone gets a welcome wag - I'm not shy with strangers! I also visit schools where I help to demonstrate dog care, safety and handling. The children are great - I give them all kisses and am patient and tolerant of their exuberance.

Although I am having a good time at the Tulsa SPCA, I am ready to find my forever home. Consider meeting me if you have space in your home and your heart for a special girl like me. I look forward to taking long walks and naps by your side and being your very best friend.

**You can help those that need a little more time to find their forever home by sponsoring a kennel through our "Sponsor a SPACE" Program. When you donate, your name will be proudly displayed on a plaque in our front office. Show your support for all pets by joining our SPACE Program today.**

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## MAC volunteer cares for a waiting pet



## Jog-the-Dog volunteers run with TSPCA dogs



Pets enjoy a safe haven  
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Sarah Gordon, DVM,  
examines a TSPCA pet

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## Maggie Mae - Love Comes In Small Packages

This is a picture of pure joy.

Maggie Mae came to us after a visit to the Tulsa SPCA. It was a cool, dreary day and we needed a new furry friend for our "one-pet-at-a-time" family. We have always enjoyed larger dogs but wanted to try the less-than-50-pounds category, maybe 35-50 pounds. Who knew a 7-pound fluff ball would win me over?

I toured the facility and looked at, petted or played with every available canine. One by one I went along. Most were possibilities, but nothing was for sure. It was a careful, thought-filled process. We came to an area where the smaller dogs spend some time outside every day. There was an unknown being with 4 little white shivering legs sticking out from under a miniature blue coat that looked like something a doll would wear. I didn't know what it was, hadn't had a tiny dog before, but knew it needed a hug. The staffer suggested I carry her as we finished our rounds and returned her to her inside home. Yeah, right! "Hold her just a moment," she said. This wasn't her first rodeo.



The search was on for the cage with Magnolia's name card pinned to it. The caring hearts at the organization had recently accepted in 25 extra dogs when a call went out from state officials after a large seizure. These new arrivals were in addition to the animals already being cared for at the time. The crew had their hands full and the situation left no doubt about the need for volunteers. All skill sets and resources are useful at this sanctuary.

By the time we found the right kennel, it was hard for me to put Magnolia down. In a matter of less than 30 minutes she went from shaking and cowering with a bowed head to bright-eyed, curious and head held high. I knew then we had potential for improvement. She was the one!

My husband needed a walking companion to share the concerns of the day with after work. At first he joked "Where am I going to walk that dog - around the kitchen island?" It did take some adjusting to her small size but you should see us now. She loves the outdoors and isn't as fragile as assumed.

You can't help who you fall in love with. A few basics were in mind before the search and with an open attitude we found the right fit. In the beginning this new world was a huge place for Maggie. Each day now brings different people and adventures for her to experience. Training classes have built her confidence and taught us to communicate in a way that creates understanding and friendship. Maggie has adjusted nicely to her current lifestyle and has a smile on her face most of the time to show it. She brings the kind of contentment that makes you want to quit your job and stay home all day just to watch her thrive.

I never would have guessed a trip to the Tulsa SPCA would offer every pleasure imaginable this side of heaven. If the time is right to add a new member to your family, there is a comrade waiting for you to come scoop them up and head for home.

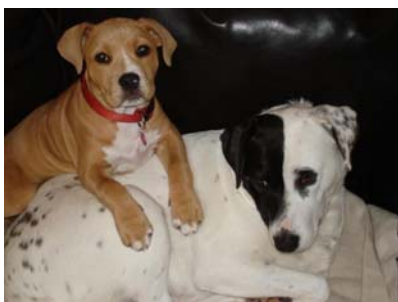
As a show of our gratitude we donate funds, talents and other resources during yearly times of gift giving and in our estate planning. We received the most precious gift when Maggie entered our life and will continue to support the ongoing efforts of those helping animals.

- Monica Murray



# 'Foster For The Holiday' A Big Success

By Lori Hall



Cote, shown here giving TSPCA alum Autumn a big hug, was recently adopted after spending the holidays with Autumn's family

The Tulsa SPCA's 'Foster for the Holiday' program was a resounding success. Twenty-seven people stepped up to become foster parents during our first year. At the end of the holidays, twelve of the parents opted to continue fostering their pet until they found permanent homes. Even better, four of our foster parents provided a forever home by formally adopting their pet.

The 'Foster for the Holiday' program helped us re-energize our existing foster program and more than doubled our roster of foster homes. This program greatly benefits pets needing special attention by placing them in a quieter, loving home environment.



Artie snoozes away on his foster family's comfortable couch

We would like to thank all of our wonderful foster volunteers. They are another essential key to our organization's success. Contact Lori Hall or Courtney Waska at 918-428-7722 if you would like to learn more about becoming a foster volunteer for the Tulsa SPCA.

## Pup Pup (Lakota) and Stormy's Happing Ending



Just wanted to give you an update on the pups. They are doing wonderful at their new home. They enjoy the house and are even laying on the couch with us. Last night Stormy laid behind my head and let me lay on her as a pillow. She loved it and was giving me kisses the whole time! Lakota is getting a lot closer to males and is being at times more adventurous than Stormy. They love to be petted and are wanting constant attention from me and the little boys. They both get so excited to see us in the mornings. They have started howling in

the morning letting us know "okay, wake up - we need to go to the restroom." Also they have NOT had an accident inside. They are truly amazing. They are still working on the random noises; they are jumpy when something is dropped or bumped but they are a lot better now than when we first brought them home. We have been taking them on evening walks and they love to go out. When they see the leashes they will run to the front door knowing it is time to go on a walk. I cannot say enough...thank you for all the work you guys do. I am so happy we were able to take them home, and they are doing awesome.

- Julie Boyd



### "Sammy" - Continued from Page 1

Although he appeared to be an older dog, Sammy's age and breed could not initially be determined due to his extremely poor condition. A nutritious diet has helped him fill out well and his new fur coat grew in just in time for the harsh Oklahoma winter. Some much-needed dental work has enabled him to begin eating without pain. Our best guess now is that he is a Pit Bull Terrier mix about 9 years old.

Sammy came to us in poor health, head down and with a bleak future. Our goal was to give him a chance to live his life free of fear and pain. Today he walks with his head held high, showing a newfound self-confidence and ready to meet his forever family. This older guy has been through a rough time. We hope he'll soon find someone willing to share a home full of the love and companionship he deserves.



Sammy - head held high - shows off his new coat which grew back just in time for the recent snow storms





# Put Your Paws Together...

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

The Tulsa SPCA is a totally donation-supported agency and carefully uses its monies, donated material goods and services with appreciation and thanks. Without the help of our friends and their generous hearts, the last two wintry months would have created many hardships in the lives of our rescued pets. Following are particular recognitions for many helpers who gave of time, talent and treasury to allow the furry ones to receive good care. Space will not allow naming all you pet lovers and Tulsa SPCA supporters but your deeds are close to our hearts and we all thank you for making lives better for the babies in our care. Doggie kisses and kitty purrs are floating all around you. The Tulsa SPCA donations go directly to the animals in one form or another and benefit our currently overflowing shelter of rescues.

Put your hands together for those who sponsored fundraising events:

- Before Christmas, **Borders** provided the space and all the necessary supplies for volunteers to offer gift wrapping services to their customers for donations.
- **Benne Gezeritt Designs** offered dance demonstrations for donations of money, dog and cat food, toys, bedding and collars.
- **Genghis Grill** designated one evening during which a percentage of sales was given to the Tulsa SPCA.
- **Inner Peace Yoga** organized a fundraising event over the Thanksgiving holiday to give a donation to the pets at the Tulsa SPCA.

Both individuals and businesses in Tulsa are a part of the support system that allows the Tulsa SPCA to continue to give the help needed for the pets. Kudos to all that contribute. This group includes:

- **Women in Recovery** that come every Saturday morning to help with whatever is most needed.
- the **Wilson Middle School** student group that came for a volunteer project one afternoon.
- **Anthony Lopez**, with assistance from his Scout Troop, designed and made about 40 sturdy, metal, professional-looking kennel closures to replace our old badly-chewed wooden ones.

**Kevin Davis of Kevin Davis Co.** provides generous donations of rock, dirt and gravel that help maintain clean outdoor play areas. All are appreciated.

And whatever would we do without our friends at **Sylvan Printing** who help with our many requests for letters brochures, newsletters and more at discounted rates or gratis. Thank you for a long-time friendship.

Personal services as well as material goods come in many forms.

- Late in the day, just before the blizzard began, the kennel area experienced problems with the furnace and electrical power. Volunteer **Joe Rickman** became a real hero when he turned down other work opportunities, fixed the circuit and replaced the furnace part that caused the problem. Freezing temperatures were no longer a threat. What a close call and what a wonderful service.
  - Another friend, **Keith Kantner**, not only provides a variety of donated items for the Tulsa SPCA clinic but often installs items such as a surgical light and repairs other non-working equipment. A good handyman is invaluable.
  - **Bob and Linda Bishop** not only enabled us to use a needed storage area but brought a small freezer and a supply of frozen meat to tempt our recovering clinic pets that need enticement to eat again.
  - A washer and dryer were donated to the clinic by **Shannon Franco** to assist with the ongoing battle with the everyday laundry requirements of some 50 or so sick or quarantined pets, mothers and babies and others too small to stay in regular kennels.
- Many needs are filled by many friends. Thank you all.

The extreme cold has depleted our reserve of warm bedding. Many thanks to those who responded to appeals for donations of bedding as well as towels, food, collars, leashes and other items needed for the currently increasing numbers of pets.

- **The Jenks Trojans** delivered vans full of assorted items. What a welcome Christmas present.
  - **Scout 68 Troop #1276** provided a number of soft fleece blankets made for us by the girls who also volunteered time helping at the Tulsa SPCA.
  - Board Member **Nichole Trantham** heeded our cold-weather plea and raided thrift stores and other sources for bedding.
  - Nichole also sent a plea to friends and co-workers for monetary support. Her employer, **The Williams Companies**, matched employee donations.
- These are just a few of our friends and supporters who donate items on our Wish List. Heartfelt thanks from the staff and the dogs, puppies, cats and kittens that were kept warm and fed during this wintry siege.

Pats on the back to:

- **Cedarwood Veterinary Clinic** who gives services to pets needing specialized treatment the Tulsa SPCA is unable to provide.
- **Dr. Ralph Grogan of Acadia Veterinary Clinic** for temporarily boarding pets in transition.
- **Veterinarian Max Rust** for agreeing to be on standby status to provide needed services to our pets when TSPCA veterinarian Sarah Gordon is unavailable.



# ...for the Good Guys!

In the past weeks the Tulsa SPCA has assisted in rescues of substantial size from puppy mills choosing to close their businesses due to new requirements that will soon be enforced (long-needed legislation passed last session). Many of the pets received were in poor health, filthy and in need of grooming. **Kelly's Dazzle Dog Grooming Spa** has donated grooming services for many of our new arrivals after their health issues are resolved. These dogs are so proud to strut their new looks. It certainly adds meaning to the statement that "it takes a village." The Tulsa SPCA "village" is full of special people.

Our sincere gratitude is extended to Mona Pittenger of **Pyramid Real Estate Services, LLC**. They opened their doors and donated three nice office desks and other office furniture. They also gave us boxes of office supplies, everything from computers to paper clips. Jennifer, Pyramid's manger, was a joy to work with and coordinated convenient times for us to pick up all our goodies.

**Lowe's** and their employees (**Lowe's Heroes**), volunteered their time and materials to provide structural improvements that made the Tulsa SPCA better prepared for the winter. A new gazebo gives our visitors a shady place to visit with dogs during the nice weather and a covered entrance and covered back patio provide shelter when it rains. Raised cement runs keep our dogs dry on days the ground is damp. These are just a few of the many improvements made that day. Even after our facelift, Lowe's continues to provide the best bargains on materials and supplies needed to keep our buildings in working order.

In the Tulsa SPCA's world, often filled with sad, heinous and unbelievable reports of cruelty and neglect to animals, the "Good Guys" are our real heroes. Bless you all.



The TSPCA 's front yard before the Lowe's makeover - not much to look at



The new and improved front yard - what a change!



The raised concrete pads poured by Lowe's; pens purchased by the TSPCA Auxiliary (from Lowe's)



The front yard seating area invites visitors to relax a while



The gazebo provides a perfect spot for families to meet their prospective new family member



Another seating area offers a spot to rest for staff, volunteers and visitors alike





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