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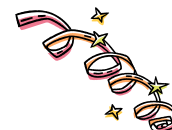
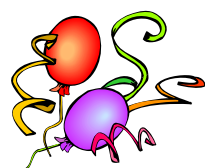
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Happy Tails

Once again, 'Wags' has sniffed out a few of our alumni's Happy Tails! We hope you enjoy reading updates submitted by the new families of the animals who have passed through our facility. Keep those stories and photos coming our way via email at info@tulsaspcapca.org or on the Tulsa SPCA Facebook page.

"Sandy", now known as Suzie Q, is loving her new home! Had a great first weekend, only one accident.
Kelli Krom



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Bilbo

Bilbo says Hello!! He loves being outside and he has such a personality now.
Connie Anic

"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well."

~ Bonnie Wilcox
'Old Dogs, Old Friends'



Motley



We love this little pup so much! You guys know him as Eddie, but we call him Motley. We are so grateful for him! Thank you!

Christina Humphreys



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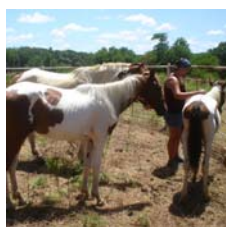
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Wishing, Wishing, Wishing

Spring and summer means puppy and kitten season and we get an influx of babies that need our undivided attention. Often, babies arrive with a mother too ill to feed them or with no mother at all. To ensure these babies have the best chance of survival, we need:

- **pet baby bottles and nipples**
- **Esbilac milk replacement** for puppies
- **KMR milk replacement** for kittens
- **distilled water**
- **reusable puppy pads**
- **exercise pens** to allow puppies to spend time outdoors



Oklahoma horses had a rough winter. This past year we were involved in several equine rescues and are fortunate to have some wonderful foster partners who volunteer their time and resources to help these animals. Consequently, new needs have developed to meet the demand of starving horses. We always welcome...

- **feed**
- **grooming supplies**
- **hay** (please call ahead to coordinate deliveries)

As summer heat begins to bear down, finding ways to keep our cool becomes increasingly important. In order to help our dogs AND our staff stay comfortable in the hot months ahead, we always appreciate...



- **small wading pools** for outdoor and indoor pens
- **Gatorade and Ice Pops** to help staff cool down and stay hydrated
- **shade cloth or tarps** to provide shade for outdoor runs

We've been involved in several large rescues this past year. In order to adequately care for the large number of animals that come through our doors all at once, we need...

- **wire crates** to help transport animals to our facility as well as temporarily house them until existing pens become available
- **zip ties** to hold crates in place, so that no pet is injured on their journey to our shelter
- **money** to provide our new arrivals with routine vaccinations and tests as well as medications needed for the sick and injured



(see our complete wish list at TulsaSPCA.org)



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Thank you so much for taking care of our two "children" before we knew them. We adopted Jackson (aka Jester) almost two years ago and just recently found a friend, Andy (aka Lestat), this past summer. They are best friends (and our best friends too!) and they fill our day with laughter and joy. I cannot imagine a day without them. Jackson and Andy have claimed our couch in the name of their comfort, but they are always willing to protect us from the various squirrels in our backyard (our heroes!). They make sure we know what is important in life such, as belly rubs, sloppy kisses, and long walks. Again, thank you Tulsa SPCA!

Kyle Peaden


Jackson and Andy



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Summer Safety Tips for Your Pets

- Keep a collar with updated tags on your pet at all times, even if it's microchipped.
- If you're itching to get out and walk with your dog, start slowly and work up to longer trips, especially if your dog has been idle over the winter months.
- Speaking of itching, apply flea, tick and heartworm preventative on a regular basis to keep the bugs at bay.
- Shy away from letting your dog drink from puddles which may be filled with harmful bacteria. Carry your own water supply and travel bowl.
- Eating grass is okay if you know it's pesticide and fertilizer free.
- Watch for signs of allergies - swollen eyes, sneezing or scratching - and, if noticed, schedule a trip to the vet.
- Spring means mating season...make sure your pet is spayed or neutered!!

Mobile Adoption Center (MAC)

Our Rolling Ambassador Promoting The Tulsa SPCA

By Patty Pidlypchak, MAC Coordinator

MAC Volunteers and pets alike take advantage of an afternoon of fun in the sun at Whole Foods, just one of our many MAC outings. We appreciate our supporters so much because they allow us to come and showcase our waiting pets. Visitors are always excited to see the MAC animals; it's a very "smiley" day!

These outings allow the pets over four hours away from their shelter routine where they have their very own human buddy for the day. Often, the dogs at the shelter do not know one another but they're always best friends by the end



The Mobile Adoption Center (MAC) ...ready to roll



Enjoying an outing at Whole Foods

of the outing. Volunteers have fun with the animals and they help with teaching basic commands so the dogs are ready for their new homes.

If you'd like to find out where the MAC will be, go to TulsaSPCA.org and click on Mobile Adoption Center, then MAC Schedule. And if you'd like to schedule the MAC to come to your place of business, call 918-428-SPCA (7722).

For Want Of A Nail...

KEEPING OUR AGING FACILITY RUNNING

By D'Ann Berson

About six years ago, when I stepped up to temporarily take the reins of management of the Tulsa SPCA, there were many priority items on my list. Little did I realize that my savior would be our maintenance person at the time, Johnny.

Truly the unsung hero of many facilities such as our very elderly and crumbling Tulsa SPCA building is the person that responds quickly and effectively when one of the two (probably original) toilets is stopped up and running over in the midst of the Monday rush of customers. This is only one example of the multitude of problems that can - and do - appear on a daily basis. Repairs take skill, creativity and dedication, using materials at hand on old and outdated equipment and with a severely limited budget. It is enough to daunt the toughest of souls.

We have been fortunate over the years to have talented people, both employees and loyal volunteers, with the necessary skills to patch things together again and again in order to keep a roof over both two- and four-legged beings. Nothing that was installed in the original small structure over the years (first designed as a grocery store) resembles a standard size and requires a community treasure hunt in little-known locations to find working parts. Both the interior and exterior of the building are worn, and equipment, plumbing, fencing and play yards require constant tending. Faucets need TLC or they drip, hoses strung everywhere to provide water become tired and develop holes and dogs seem determined to test the 'hole to China' theory by digging



Jim and Trey tackle fence repairs...always on our 'to-do' list

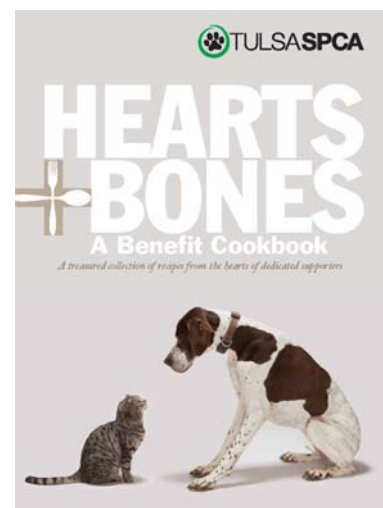
craters. Fences give in to determined assaults and loose pets bring staff running when whistles announce their 'escape' - and the 'to-do' list never ends.

With great pride we will celebrate our 100-year anniversary in 2013. We continue to dream of a beautiful new facility on our land just east of the existing buildings. Our current Board of Directors shares this dream and works diligently toward this goal. Meanwhile, we are grateful for the individuals, businesses and various groups that donate goods and/or come to assist with projects, both large and small. Helping hands keep us going and allow the Tulsa SPCA to stretch to the limits when there are animals in need.

Tulsa SPCA Cookbooks Are Here!!

Friends of the Tulsa SPCA have shared over 350 of their favorite recipes, including a special 'This and That' section for pet treats and cleaning supplies. Support our organization and expand your recipe collection at the same time by purchasing our new Hearts + Bones benefit cookbook.

Cookbooks are now available, just in time for all your summer entertaining. For the low price of just \$15, you can pick up your cookbook at one of our MAC outings or at the Tulsa SPCA. You can also complete an order form found on our website (TulsaSPCA.org) and we will mail your cookbook for an additional \$5 shipping fee.



'Second Chances' Contest Winners

At the end of last year the Tulsa SPCA sponsored a contest for the best stories about the effect rescued animals had on their families' lives. Thanks to everyone for your wonderful stories! First place went to Danielle Camardo and her dog Luke; second place was Patty Pidlypchak and her dog Hazel; third place went to Dawn Chase and Deets. Below are the winning essays. (The stories have been edited to fit in the available space.)

Luke It was December, 2009, when the Tulsa SPCA got a phone call from the Tulsa police department regarding two purebred Basset Hounds needing to be picked up due to a drug bust that happened moments earlier. Wade, the Animal Cruelty Investigator at the time, picked up both of the "purebred" Bassets; however upon returning he would not stop making fun of one of the Bassets. The first dog brought out of his vehicle was in fact a purebred Basset who the SPCA named Heather; the second dog brought out was a dog with a very bad case of demodex, a form of mange, and had a very funny look to him. The dog that came to be called Luke was in fact not a purebred Basset but a Basset/Shar Pei mix. I remember when the clinic had given Luke and Heather a clean bill of health to come over to the kennel side to be socialized and trained.

At this time in my life I had just started working at the SPCA a few months earlier as a kennel attendant and was just starting to grasp dog training and how to properly handle dogs. Of the two dogs, Luke was the one that needed the most training and socializing. I remember there being a point where there was talk about euthanizing him because he was severely dog and people aggressive. Two kennel workers stepped up to the plate and worked with him to accept other dogs and people. If it was not for Andi and Crystal, I probably would not have Luke in my life today.



Now you're probably wondering why did I just recently adopt him if I had known him for such a long time. Well, between you and me, both Luke and I had to grow and learn a bit more about ourselves before either of us would make the decision to choose each other (seems very confusing but will all make sense in the end). It also took me a long time to learn about different behavior cues and different training techniques that would allow me to work with dogs that seem so challenging.

With all this dog training and handling knowledge under my belt, I was privileged to take Luke on a small outing for the SPCA in the spring of 2011. It was the Arthritis Walk at the TU campus where the SPCA had a small booth. Unbeknown to the event planners, Mother Nature decided to rain on the parade, but I was still determined to bring Luke out. Now considering Luke had not been out of the shelter since being brought there, I had no idea how he would react let alone know what the mixture of rain and strange people and noises would do to him. With confidence in myself and in Luke we made our rounds and, surprisingly, he did amazing - especially with strangers. One stranger in particular made my day. It just so happens that this stranger turned out to be the gentleman responsible for putting together the Hound Dog Blues Festival scheduled for the next

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Hazel Meet Hazel, the emaciated Chihuahua breeder-dog who laid in the far corner of a 2' x 3' cage without food or water, awaiting euthanasia. The puppy mill owner intended to discard her, without feeling, after she faithfully fulfilled her mission to multiply his money for over eight years. Waiting, that is, until the tenderhearted Tulsa SPCA Cruelty Investigator, Wade, opened that prison door and declared, "She's coming with me!" That changed the course of her life, which changed the course of mine.



Forget furry toys and fancy sweaters; survival was Hazel's immediate challenge. Having failed on the dry dog food front, I cooked fresh meats but it didn't inspire her. A soft touch

made her fearful. Tender words didn't penetrate. I watched her get even thinner and my tears didn't reach her heart. But tripping and spilling food on the floor was the day it all changed. She scrambled and ate; she searched for more. Of course - in that small, impersonal cage, food was thrown at her! And water? If she had any at all, surely it wasn't clean.

Slowly, over the last year, Hazel's skeletal structure has disappeared. No longer can her ribs be counted and those devil horns that protruded near her rump have disappeared. She has transformed, like a butterfly, strutting her shiny, muscular body. Having merely existed for years in filthy living conditions, her eyes have dried out; she couldn't cry about her inhumane circumstances if she wanted to. Throughout the day now, drops in her squinty eyes awake her spirit, allowing her to see again for a short while.

Hazel has learned about the wind blowing on her face and the grass tickling the bottom of her tiny paws. She experiences the joy of running with a "pack" and understands that a car ride takes her to the park with her brother and sister dogs. And those stairs, that used to be insurmountable mountains, are now a pathway to fun places. Hazel snuggles in blankets and in soft, tiny beds that were gotten just for her. No work boots are worn around her; she remembers.

And playing with toys? Maybe never. But that's OK. Because one day, not too long ago, it happened; Hazel licked my face. She trusts again!

Continued from previous page month (an event that was specifically put together to benefit the SPCA). So not knowing that this encounter would be the equivalent of me meeting Angelina Jolie, Luke and I did extremely well. At first Luke seemed cautious but allowed the gentleman to pet him and to give him some popcorn. It was at this moment that I knew all the hard training had paid off and that Luke could in fact be adopted by anyone, maybe even a family, and be happy in a forever home.

So fast forward to Luke at my home. Luke gets along with everyone at my home, including Zoey, our Pug, and King Farouk, our cat. I think the only thing that Luke would be disappointed about is that he doesn't get to be an archeologist anymore (he loved to dig a lot when at the SPCA). I can't wait for my son to get a little bit older so he and Luke can go swimming together in the summer. I picture my son and Luke being life-long friends. I think the best thing about having Luke is that I can continue to love and care for him and that he doesn't hesitate about doing the same in return. He is always there to see me off to work in the morning and always there to give me a big hug when I come home. I honestly don't know how my life would be if I hadn't met Luke or if I never had him in my life. Thank you Tulsa SPCA for allowing me to not only work there, but also to let me take home one of the many dogs I fell in love with.

Deets Well this is the story about Deets and Chata (aka Little Ann). I really didn't know anything about the Tulsa SPCA until one day when a friend stopped by my work to get a donation and dropped off flyers for a volunteer opportunity. Little did she know she would fulfill my life with not only the two dogs I adopted, but with all the dogs at the Tulsa SPCA that helped me through a difficult time in my life.

It was over a year ago that I went to my first orientation. I went because my 16 year old golden Yammer "My baby, My heart" was beginning to have health issues and was unable to go on walks anymore, so I thought well maybe I could help exercise other dogs. The first orientation I went to I was so overwhelmed by all the dogs that were there. It broke my heart. I went home and hugged all three of my dogs like no other. Papoose and Verena (a rescue German Shepard) are my other two dogs. I was excited to go back and spend time with the dogs.

One day I went and there were these three puppies, Woodrow, Augustus, and Deets. They were so cute, but Deets caught my eye every time and he was the last dog I walked every time because I wanted to spend as much time with him as possible. I so wanted to just pick him up and put him in my car, but I had three dogs at home, Yammer's health was getting worse and required a lot of special attention and there was no way I could bring a puppy home. I would never have done that to her.

Well in October 2010 I had to put Yammer down. I was so heart broken because Yammer and I had been together for 16 years and she saw me through so much. It was a couple of weeks before I could get myself to go back to the Tulsa SPCA after that. The first time I went back, Deets was gone and my heart sank. I thought he had been adopted, but he was on a MAC outing. I was excited to hear that, but my heart was not ready to bring another dog home. I spent an hour with him every time I went to the Tulsa SPCA. He got to the point that he knew me and we started to bond. He would always put his front paws on my legs when we would sit on the bench in the meadow and put his head back saying "I'm ready for my side rub". The holidays came and my life got very hectic. I was unable to go as often as I wanted and all I could do is think of Deets. Well things got worse for me and I was separating from my husband and headed for a divorce. This is where the dogs at the Tulsa SPCA and Deets saved me. May be getting too personal, but the volunteer program gave me a purpose in life. I have to admit I was so happy to see Deets hadn't been adopted every time I went, but at the same time felt so bad.



It was in February 2011 that I did a fun run with the volunteers at the Post Oak Lodge. When I got to the event, I was so excited to see Deets. I wanted to run him so bad, but was afraid someone else would choose him, but as soon as he saw me he ran right to me. A friend said that dog belongs with you. I knew right then that I had to take him home. I found a way and he was mine and he has become my baby boy and he is a total momma's boy. I worried that he would never be happy here, but every night he would pace the living room then he would jump in my lap and curl up and feel safe. It was the best feeling at a time when I was feeling so alone from my divorce. He showed me that I was a good person, because if I wasn't he wouldn't have found safety in my lap every night. Though I did worry about him after my ex took his playmate Verena; Papoose is a big couch potato and did not want to play. When I would come home, he would be all worked up so one day while at the Tulsa SPCA I checked out Chata (aka Little Ann). She was a sweet girl and about the same age as Deets so I thought maybe she would be good for him. Well she proved me right. She came in the house and ruled the roost and became Deets' courage. She saved Deets and made him brave. She is what I call my rowdy teenager because she tells us all every night exactly what she thinks.

My dogs are my world and nothing is better than coming home to three wagging tails and sloppy kisses. They gave me so much when I thought I had lost everything. I also feel the dogs at the Tulsa SPCA saved me and continue to save me everyday because at a time in my life unblessed with kids and divorced, I felt as though I had no purpose, but I do have a purpose and it is to give the dogs at the Tulsa SPCA as much love and care and help that I can to help better their life and a purpose to give my three babies at home a great life better then they started life with. Sorry to be so long winded, but it was a story worth telling. Thank you also to Nolan, Astro, the puppy I found in the field, Lancelot, Callahan, and the many others for letting me love you and help you find a better life.



Can't make it to BINGO BASH but want to be part of our fundraiser??



We're searching for items to use in our silent auction and as pull tab prizes. Items don't have to be expensive, nor do they have to be animal related. Merchandise, company 'branded' giveaways, gift certificates for services or merchandise...just about anything will qualify.

A new feature at BB this year is a wine 'grab bag'. If you can contribute a bottle (or bottles) of your favorite label, just let us know. Contact Becky at 918-625-3980 or Dana at 918-625-4584 by July 14 to donate or for more information. **THANKS!**

Holiday Puppy Mill Rescue

By Melissa Roberts

On December 16, 2011, the Tulsa SPCA, in cooperation with The Central Oklahoma Humane Society, rescued 64 small-breed dogs from a central Oklahoma breeder. The Tulsa SPCA brought back 34 small dogs, including a Chihuahua nursing 6 puppies. The breeder had obtained a number of dogs from another breeder six months previously but was overwhelmed by the care of so many animals and elected to close.

During a visit by inspectors from the Office of Commercial Pet Breeders, this breeder had been cited for several infractions. This new office is enforcing the recent legislation to provide statewide oversight for humane conditions in puppy breeding facilities. Anyone with eleven or more breeding females must meet certain requirements and obtain a Commercial Breeders license.

The Central Oklahoma Humane Society was contacted by the breeder about taking in the dogs, but they were unable to accommodate more than 27 of them. The Tulsa SPCA was asked to help with the remaining dogs, which included Pomeranians, Dachshunds, Chihuahuas, Yorkshire Terriers, Maltese and Shih Tzus.

Our contracted veterinarian, Agnielis Feliciano, assessed health issues, including hernias and poor eating habits. One was diagnosed with Cherry Eye and an eye ulcer. Dazzle Dog groomed them so we could further examine them for skin conditions once the matted fur was removed. All received the medical treatments needed and were spayed or neutered before they were adopted to good homes. They are now living the lives they deserve with their loving families.



Waiting patiently to be rescued

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

Bingo Bash 2012 Ticket Order Form

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(we'll call to confirm receipt of your order)

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This is Clyde now :) happy as can be! He doesn't seem to mind that he's missing almost 50% of both of his feet. He is now our guard dog! He lets you know if something is out of place or if you forget to feed him. He recently made his first trip down to the pond. :) Oh I forgot to mention the most important of Clyde's features....his "angel wings"! Clyde's severe neglect was also compounded by his owners ignorance. They fed him dog food or other very high protein feed. This causes his wings to fold up like normal but the tips to droop back toward the ground.

Morgan Paige Simpson-Johannsen

Clyde



Striking The Right Pose For The Camera

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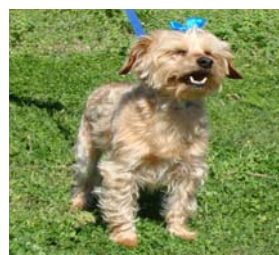
Oh boy, oh boy...
are we going for a ride?



Pictures?? Aw, heck!



Wait, wait...
my eyes were closed



Hold it, hold it...
I think I'm gonna sneeze



Sheesh! Aren't we done yet?



I'm ready for my closeup, Mr. DeMille

"The reason cats climb is so
that they can look down on almost
every other animal - it's also the
reason they hate birds."

~ K.C. Buffington

Just wanted to share with you how well Gibson (Phoenix now) is fitting into his new home. We could not be happier with our new baby boy. He is hilarious! My dad has been a veterinarian for over 30 years, so I grew up being obsessed with dogs, and he is the funniest, most original dog I have ever met. He uses his hands like a person. LOL He's awesome. We're blessed to have him in our family. :) Thank you. :)

Kristyn & Michael Million

Gibson



Put Your Paws Together...

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

Cheers and huge thanks to the many friends that help the Tulsa SPCA pets with services and donations of many kinds. All supporters are much appreciated and provide a boost to the mission of making a better life for the needy, abandoned and abused ones. Monetary donations support the ability to keep our doors open and make rescues possible but help in the form of supplies (both new and gently used), pet food and manpower are also very welcome. Individuals, agencies, schools, businesses and organizations all provide welcome support for our pets in need. Our Wish List can be found on our website - TulsaSPCA.org - and contains seasonal suggestions along with regular items always in need of replenishing.

A **St. Puppy's Day Adoptathon** was held at the Tulsa SPCA on March 17. Lots of volunteers were on hand to help with this event...greeting visitors and introducing them to our many dogs and cats. Although windy, the rain stayed away and at the end of the day over 20 animals found their forever homes. We plan on adding quarterly adoptathons to our 'to-do' list!

Dr. Robert Poteet, DVM, owner of **Cedarwood Veterinary Clinic** and consultant to Tulsa SPCA Board of Directors is greatly appreciated for donations of medical equipment and the supplies to keep them running. The Clinic is now able to perform many lab services in-house at a nice financial savings. Everyone benefits.

Tulsa People Magazine is a special hero with their growing annual Pet Picture contest. The treasured pet pictures came in all sizes, colors and poses and were sent with the obvious pride of owners. Big applause of paws for giving Tulsans a chance to showcase their furry babies and provide Tulsa SPCA with a donation that keeps rescues rolling and doors open. What a great staff of animal lovers Tulsa People Magazine has!

Treats are always welcome and an important component of the new Open Paw training program now being used at Tulsa SPCA. Cheers for **Patriot Treats** for a truckload of our dogs' favorite treats. **Girl Scout Troop 689** and **Brownies** (looking very professional in uniform), **Tulsa Street School**, **Kerr Elementary School**, **Mark Twain Elementary School** and many other donors also responded to our ever-present wish list of needs. Thanks to you, we can do what is needed to help the pets.

Projects help both pets and staff with upkeep of our grounds. Paws together for **Kevin Davis** of **Kevin Davis Co., Inc.** who donated a dump truck load of gravel to help fill many large holes in doggie play areas and for **TU Student Volunteers** who furnished the muscle work to spruce up our outdoor yards during the annual TU Volunteer Day. Our dogs spend most days in these yards and they are always in need of repair.

A big 'Thank You' goes out to **Boy Scout Troop #234** for helping with the much-needed repair of some of our free-standing pens that allow our dogs some outdoor time during the day. Under the watchful eye of Don Tanner, who maintained our facility, several pens were repaired so that our dogs could enjoy themselves in safety and comfort.

We have some wonderfully clever supporters. Last year, several groups joined together to design a calendar benefitting our organization. The **McNellies** group created the calendar, giving all proceeds to the Tulsa SPCA. **Riverbrook Animal Hospital** and **The Colony** each donated \$500 to offset printing costs and **Dwelling Spaces** opened their doors for a signing session with the calendar models.

Kudos to **Barbara Geenen** who heard our plea for help for our foster horses. She generously donated 50 bales of alfalfa hay so that we might continue to assist the foster family who is caring for our equine charges while we search for permanent homes.

A welcome surprise came to Tulsa SPCA and a big bouquet of thanks goes to a new friend, **Jack Adelson**. Jack recently celebrated his Bar Mitzvah, naming us as beneficiary for donations in his honor. To date, a record-breaking number of friends and family - filling over two and a quarter pages - have contributed. What a blessing for the Tulsa SPCA and a big help with our monthly pet-food bill!

Girl Scout Troop #891 answered our request for items to be used in our weekly photo shoots. These pictures often create the perfect 'first impression' when potential adopters are browsing our website and many times result in connecting families with their new best friends.

The need to refill our food supply is never ending and we are grateful for our supporters who find creative ways to help with this effort. Our sincere appreciation goes out to **Tuff Girl Fitness** whose December food drive resulted in donations of a whopping 191 pounds of dog food and 36 pounds of cat food. Thank you so much!

...for the Good Guys!

In addition to exercising and socializing our pets, volunteers as a group give many welcome and helpful boosts to our daily routine. Some individuals have taken on special roles that are done regularly such as: **Patty Pidlypchak** - MAC Manager; **Kristen Tallent** - Organizer of the new K-9 Social Club; **Trey Troutt** - Manager, Open Paw Program; **Angela Hanson** - correspondence duties; and **Dana Kastelic** - Volunteer Orientation, to name a few. Rah Rah Sis Boom Bah! for making many things possible. Go Volunteers!

Thanks also to **Pete and Betty Papen**, friends over many years, who work a regular rotation system of Tulsa World pet rescue pictures. We wish you many more years. And added recognition goes to **Tulsa World** for those Saturday morning pictures in the "Looking for Love" column. Uncounted numbers of pets have gained Forever Homes thanks to you.

This last year has seen an increase in our participation in rescue activity that brought large numbers of physically and emotionally damaged pets to the Tulsa SPCA. The need for donations of medical supplies, comfortable bedding and towels, collars and leashes and treats to reassure frightened pets, etc., has greatly increased. What a blessing to have donors who quickly respond to these needs.

During one such incident, **Volunteers of America** provided blankets from their yearly drive that were too worn for people but that our pets were thankful to have.

Nicole Tobias of **The Yoga Room** donated money and collars which helped fill urgent needs, and **Mary Green** of **K9 Manners & More** arrived with an SUV filled with supplies from her staff and customers. Items were quickly dispersed among confused but hopeful pets who came from a sad and deprived environment. Within days, the new arrivals began to respond to their safe and secure surroundings with happy purrs and yips of recognition for the staff providing their care.

Photographs are an important marketing tool and special kudos go to **Bruce Hall** and assistant **Becky Robbins** for their devotion to updating shelter pet pictures each Saturday. Additional hours are spent by Bruce selecting the best photos of each animal for the Tulsa SPCA website. Many adopters arrive at the shelter with a list of prospects to meet based on website appeal.

Fundraising comes from many sources and includes special friends that through the years sponsor popular events.

Studio D, previously Moto Photo, repeated their annual pet photo contest benefitting the Tulsa SPCA. Owners made a donation and had their pet's picture taken and entered into the contest. What a treat to see the variety of obviously-loved animals, posed with or without costumes. All of the contest entrants looked happy and pleased with being "on camera" in such a professional venue. Many thanks to a friend of longstanding for a super donation that will benefit our shelter "kids" in several ways.

Donors/Supporters come in all sizes and ages and with a variety of ways to help. **Street School** held a fundraiser which netted \$90. Many thanks to the other area schools that gather donations or organize fundraisers; birthday kiddos and adults that ask for Tulsa SPCA donations instead of gifts and Scout troops that come for tour visits bringing helpful donations that make surroundings feel more like a home to our newest arrivals.

A wide variety of skills, talents and generosity allow the Tulsa SPCA to continue the many services we provide for the pets in our care and to the community.

Offers to do projects such as making small blankets that fit the Mobile Adoption Center (MAC) and simple toys for cats or dogs are creative. The MAC sparkles these days with coordinated, hand-sewn blanket sets from volunteer **Sandra Scott** that range from colorful to seasonal in motif. What a happy look and wonderful idea.

Thank you One and All for supporting the Tulsa SPCA mission of helping pets in need. Our involvement in rescues of abandoned and neglected pets has increased dramatically over the past year and we could not continue to respond without your help. There are so many individuals and companies who support us throughout the year. Our apologies if someone is omitted from this list...it is human error and not lack of appreciation.

Our Thanks to Everyone!



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