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The Tulsa Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Newsletter

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**We speak for those who
cannot speak for themselves.**

The primary activities of the Tulsa SPCA involve caring for our dogs and cats, providing them with food, medical care, a safe haven, the opportunity to learn basic manners, and lots of tender loving care. We celebrate success every single time one of our pets is matched to the right people and goes home to begin new life.



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Puppy Rescue

Five pit bull puppies were brought to us after having been abandoned. At just a few days old the puppies were in need of immediate care. Three of our staff members came forward volunteering to foster them, feeding each of the puppies with a bottle every two hours. Due to such an early separation from their mother the puppies were left with weakened immune systems and they had developed upper respiratory infections and coccidia.

Our clinic assistant took three of the pups, Concho, Gambler and Hudson, home with her and kept them on a steady stream of fluids. This treatment was continued for two weeks while we cared for their slightly healthier siblings, Pink and Cash. We worried for all five of the puppies, especially little Hudson who was the smallest of the litter, but after two weeks all of the puppies had begun to show improvement and were nursing from the bottle.

Unfortunately, Cash's health took a turn for the worse. He was immediately placed

on oxygen to ease his labored breathing and rushed to the vet, but he passed away on the trip there. In spite the loss of Cash, his siblings have continued to show improvement. Concho, Gambler, Hudson and Pink are all doing very well and have gained weight. We are slowly weaning them off of the bottles and are teaching them to use the puppy pads. Pink is still our office dog and loves getting held by all the staff. The other three pups are currently sharing a foster home with a loving older Tulsa SPCA dog named Bella. They enjoy having lots of space to run around and play with their foster family's children.

Concho, Gambler and Hudson will be ready for adoption when they are three months old. These puppies deserve a loving home for the holidays. 🐾



4th Annual For Paws Sake Golf Tournament

The Tulsa SPCA would like to acknowledge and thank the following organizations and persons for their generosity and support of this year's event.

Host Sponsor: First Oklahoma Federal Credit Union

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Meet Missie The New Clinic Supervisor

What has your experience been like with the Tulsa SPCA?

My experience with the Tulsa SPCA has been so positive; everyone is so helpful and thoughtful. It's very clear those working here are here for the animals and care for them greatly.

How is the clinic an important part of Tulsa SPCA rescues?

The Tulsa SPCA is so very fortunate to have an onsite clinic. Many rescued animals need special attention and the clinic is able to provide the necessary care. Being able to bring a rescued animal in to start vaccinations is the best thing to avoid having outbreaks of disease.

What services does the clinic provide to the public?

Services to the public include a low-cost Vaccination Clinic, testing for parasites and heartworms, providing heartworm prevention and flea and tick control. The clinic is open to the public Fridays from 11:00am — 5:00pm. You can find additional information about clinic hours, services and costs at our website, www.tulsaspc.org.

What is your favorite part of the job and what is the hardest?

My favorite part of the job is seeing the animals getting adopted and going to their forever homes. The hardest part of the job is not being able to help everyone or everything that reaches out to us. 🐾





Winners



Your Everlasting Passion for the Tulsa SPCA

By Stacy Robinson

Planned giving is an important way to ensure your legacy of passion for animals continues on for years to come.

If you'd like to consider the Tulsa SPCA as part of your planned giving, but you are not sure if it's something that you can do, consider the following:

- Almost everyone has the ability to make a planned gift. Planned giving is not just for the wealthy.
- Estate planning is a great way to protect your family and your legacy.
- Planned giving is a donor's way of contributing to the Tulsa SPCA's mission long after they pass away.

The Tulsa SPCA is a federally recognized tax-exempt organization and is able to receive planned gifts from many different sources. Your planned gifts can be:

- Real Estate
- Financial Market Investments, such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and annuities
- Any contribution amount via your will, by simply naming the Tulsa SPCA as the beneficiary
- Trusts & Endowments
- Life insurance proceeds, naming the Tulsa SPCA as the beneficiary

Here are a few ways you can begin the process of making the Tulsa SPCA part of your planned giving:

- Simply list the Tulsa SPCA as the beneficiary of named assets in your will
- The Tulsa SPCA is a partner with the Tulsa Community Foundation. This is an agency that provides donors assistance with estate planning. For more information, please contact Mark Loeber at 918.491.0087.

I plan to include the Tulsa SPCA in my estate planning. Tulsa SPCA's kennels will always be full, and I want to do what I can to help make sure we will always be there.

-Anonymous Tulsa SPCA Board Member





Bingo Bash

The Tulsa SPCA Auxiliary wishes to thank everyone who participated in making Bingo Bash 2013 a huge success. Whether you donated goods or services, helped plan, set up or work the event, or purchased a ticket to this year's sold-out affair, we couldn't have done it without you!

We raised over \$10,000 and will make it possible for us to provide continued support to our animals and to the staff and volunteers who care for them until they are adopted.

We look forward to an even bigger, better event next summer. Watch for more information in our next newsletter. We hope you'll make plans to join us. 🐾



Donations

There are two little known facts for the Tulsa SPCA that present surprise to many friends and supporters.



First, we are a local organization and we exist only because of the generosity of our community. Our ability to serve animals and the many services we provide depend entirely on donations from our local supporters and friends.

Second, we are a no kill shelter and do not to euthanize for space. The Tulsa SPCA works hard to give each pet the best possible chance, sometimes going to great lengths to find the most fitting home possible.

Such as Luke, who came to our attention through a desperate appeal to our Cruelty Investigator from a concerned citizen.

Luke was a Big Black Dog running along a busy street, unnoticed in his frantic search for a loving family that had become lost. On a whim he dashed into the street and was hit by

a vehicle that sped away. This boy managed to drag his wounded and battered backside onto an overgrown yard and into an open shed that afforded him some shelter but also hid him from view. Luke apparently laid without food and water for several days waiting for that loving, lost family to find him. Drifting in and out of pained sleep, unable to stand or walk, he would wake to hunger that he tried to satisfy by chewing the wood around him.

By chance, a couple looking at property came across this poor dog and appealed to the Tulsa SPCA Cruelty Investigator to “please check on this dreadful situation.”

Luke was rescued, unable to stand — a living skeleton — but alive enough to be grateful and tenaciously cling to life. Slowly he ate and drank his first meal in days.

Luke’s will and wish to live have been amazing. He has continued to steadily improve and has won the hearts of the staff.

There are many ways to donate and the Tulsa SPCA exists because of support from donors of their Time, Talent and Treasure. We have many needs for volunteers that can be helpful in a number of ways allowing us to provide pet care and training, education for the public, a low cost shot Clinic once weekly, programs for schools, participation in pet events, Nursing Home Visits (PAL), etc. Talent from individuals includes sharing talents for presentations, designing advertising materials, serving on planning committees, and giving or arranging for donations and discounts of needed goods, materials and services, and monetary gifts from many sources, amounts, grants and trusts. Money can be specified for support of a particular program such as a Cabin Space on the Mobile Adoption Center (MAC), a pet kennel or space, or the Sammy Fund (a medical account for use to pay for needed medical treatment or supplies above the usual budgeted items or needs).

With the coming Holiday a gift can be made in Memory or in Honor of an individual, a family or a treasured pet. Thanks to all that support our Mission and Vision to make this a better world for the pets. 🐾



Volunteers!

Volunteers are critical to our success. You can find them everywhere you look... walking dogs, playing with the cats, helping out in the office or clinic and doing any number of tasks that require a helping hand. When repairs to our 100-year-old facility are needed, they are there with tools in hand, ready to assist. Volunteers also take the pictures of our available pets that you'll find on several websites, including our own.

The Tulsa SPCA Auxiliary also sponsors fundraisers in order to assist financially when the budget won't cover special needs or projects. Bingo Bash, our largest annual fundraiser, was very successful this year and helped replenish our resources so that new projects can be tackled.

If you would like to know more about volunteering, visit our website (www.tulsaspc.org) for information about attending an orientation. You may just find your home away from home – and maybe your new best friend! 🐾

Happy “Tails”

Daisy

What does the future hold for a Puppy Mill rescue dog too terrified for weeks to leave the safety of a dog house or crate? Ask Daisy, a beautiful Schnauzer, discovered by Katelin McConkey, searching the internet for an older dog that had special placement needs and would fit her years of experience in rehabilitation and able to heal broken spirits or bodies.

Moving to Stillwater for a final year of Veterinary school, Katelin lost no time contacting the Tulsa SPCA about her “find” of a needy Schnauzer and made arrangements to meet Daisy. Prepared for the frightened dog that sat trembling on the floor with her head touching the ground, Katelin gently petted the mass of soft fur, speaking gently and picking up Daisy who almost immediately snuggled against her --- a “first” that startled her foster mom. Eventually setting Daisy down the dog peeked up through all her hair with “the sweetest look I have ever seen” and the bond was sealed.

Going home purchases were made of the best pet supplies available. Katelin describes the first steps of rehabilitation as “hard” and tiny baby steps of progress in learning to walk on a leash, the hours spent sitting outside with her in the cold rain and snow to accomplish housebreaking, learning use of stairs, but always believing in Daisy and her ability to overcome her constant fearful shaking. A new name was selected as Gracie, because she had grown from terrifying beginnings of a Puppy Mill to the real world with grace and strength.

A happy and spoiled companion Gracie now goes hiking, swimming, to picnic bonfires, and loves chasing rabbits (almost outrunning them.) She survived Vet visits to clean all three of her teeth, loves hard food and bone marrow treats, happily exists with two cat siblings, and shares half of the bed with Katelin to snuggle at night

Katelin describes Gracie as “perfect” from cute little face and paws, a cute strut when she walks, her softness and cuddles and that she will always be “my Munchkin”.

— We wish that every adopted pet would become a treasured Munchkin. 🐾



Miss Kitty

Miss Kitty was found as a stray with kittens of about 4 weeks of age. She completed her parenting with a straight A average and the sweet babies were quickly adopted when old enough.

Miss Kitty graduated to the Cat Colony room with several other cats of varying sizes, ages and colors. The cat room quickly became chaos and Miss Kitty infamous as a trouble maker among the cats and among staff trying to care for everyone. Her high jinx were also a source of concern for interested customers and the leery Staff who were trying to show them our best side of the cat population. Miss Kitty was finally placed in her own private space in an upstairs office area with long suffering employees that tried hard to teach her better manners and find a patient and loving home. Miss Kitty taught the staff and all who ventured upstairs on business to be careful and untrusting of the motives of a cat. She would be loving one moment and then the next indifferent or territorial. Scratching/clawing would sometimes follow attempts to pet her and everyone wondered if months would become years without a home for this Diva.

Enter Joel Collins who had recently lost his cat to the Rainbow Bridge. Hearing about this cat and seeing her resemblance to a portrait he had of his deceased pet, this was the cat he selected over the objections of older children that came with him to make the choice. An honest warning about this Kitty demon did not change the decision. This was a fast adoption and bets made about returns.

Miss Kitty started her trip to the new home by batting her new owner in the face with open claws but the greeting was viewed as funny by Joel. He has continued to see the behaviors most would find problematic to unacceptable as amusing antics of a pet who is just an “ornrey” and entertaining cat. The Tulsa SPCA contains something for everyone and is delighted at this Happy Tail of several months and a home for an unlikely Furbie. 🐾

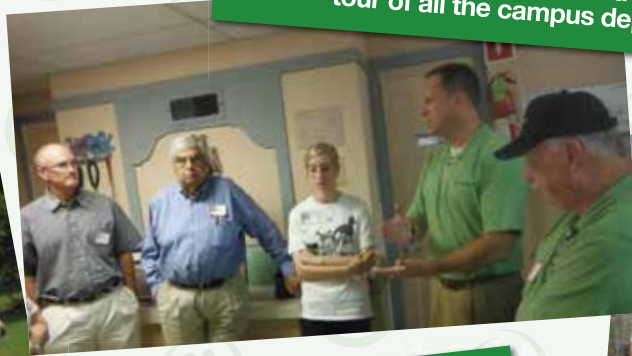
Business and Community Leaders Visit the Tulsa SPCA

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Interim Executive Director, Michael Turner, welcomed the guests, introduced them to the Tulsa SPCA staff and led the group on a tour of all the campus departments.



Pet Placement Specialist, Sami Laughlin, holds her favorite dog, Pink.



The tour included a stop in the Support Room.



Volunteer Manager, Terry Walker, and Rotarian Maryann Simpson display a carrier with new puppies.



Part of the tour included a stop at the SPCA Clinic where the guests learned about services provided.



Rotarian Ray Batchelor makes friends with Yogi.



Cruelty Investigator, Tim Geen, explains the details of his rescue operations with the group.



Rotarian Linda Bradshaw bonded with one of our newest puppies.



Pet Care Specialist, Kelly Williams, snuggles with one of our newest puppies.



Rotarians Ray Batchelor and Tomilyn Siegerist enjoy time with the new puppies.



Following the Tour, the guests and staff enjoyed an outdoor luncheon.



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FOUR EASY WAYS TO DONATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

1. Visit our friends at Southern Agriculture (71st and Sheridan Road location) and look for the 'wish tree' in their lobby benefitting the Tulsa SPCA
2. Donate to have a dog or cat microchipped for only \$30 (includes registration). Call 918-428-7722 for more info!
3. Give a gift certificate for engraved pet tags which are available for \$6. To purchase certificates, send a check to Tulsa SPCA, c/o Becky Robbins, 2910 Mohawk Blvd., Tulsa, OK 74110.
4. Donations may be dropped off at 2910 Mohawk Blvd. View our online wish list for suggestions.

