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Spring 2013



The Tulsa Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Newsletter

Centennial Events

June 20 Paws and Pictures
100th Anniversary
Drive-In Movie Night

July 20 Bingo Bash

Fall TBA Golf Tournament

Fall TBA Dog Walk

Dec TBA Holiday Party

Go to tulsaspcas.org/100years
for more details and the
MAC schedule.

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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Husky Rescue!

By Ashley Daly

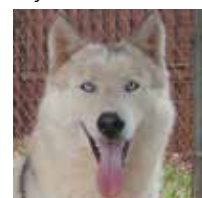
Twenty Huskies were left helpless and homeless when the owner passed away on his land just outside of Mannford, Oklahoma. Before his death, the man spent much of his life rescuing and tending to Husky dogs. He had no family and few friends and his property was very private. The local sheriff discovered the tragic situation and contacted the Sapulpa City Animal Shelter for help.

Unable to house the dogs, the Sapulpa shelter reached out to many rescue organizations, but the Tulsa SPCA was the only shelter able to take them in. On December 7, 2012, employees took the MAC (Mobile Adoption Center) and rescued the Huskies.

The Huskies were one of our more complicated rescues, as they were fearful of humans and had developed a pack mentality. With no evidence

of leash training, rescuers carried the more cooperative animals and used catchpoles on those dogs showing signs of aggression. Several dogs were fearful of being approached, one so scared that she passed out.

Once at the Tulsa SPCA facilities, staff and volunteers slowly introduced them to the human world using Open Paw techniques (treat-based training). With much patience and compassion, the Huskies have made great strides. Increasingly comfortable with human touch, some of the dogs now initiate play on their own. Next steps include leash training in order to take them on walks and jogs. It will only be a matter of time until these animals, once in a devastating situation, will be ready for their new homes. 🐾



Summer Splash Bingo Bash



Silent Auction! Bingo Games! Door Prizes! Wine Grab Bag! Tasty Summer Fare! Cash Bar! Restaurant Pull!

Saturday, July 20th, 6:00pm – 9:30pm

The Campbell Hotel – 2636 E. 11th St. Tulsa, OK

Tickets: \$30 each / Four or more \$25 each

For Tickets, call 918-625-4584 or 918-625-3980
or email bingobash2910@yahoo.com

Seating is Limited... Reserve your tickets today!

Can't make it to BINGO BASH
but want help with our fundraiser?

We're searching for items to use at Bingo Bash 2013...silent auction items, restaurant gift certificates and wine, wine, wine!

If you have something you'd like to donate, just let us know. Contact Becky at 918-625-3980 or Dana at 918-625-4584 by July 1 for more information.

All proceeds benefit the Tulsa SPCA Auxiliary. 🐾

Let's Celebrate 100 Years!

By Jessica Luong

There are many things going on this year, and we hope you can be a part of the celebration. In June, we are hosting our first ever "Paws and Pictures" event. You, your family and your pets can come and enjoy a special movie night at the Admiral Twin Drive-In. We will also be hosting the annual Bingo Bash in July. There will be even bigger prizes and raffles this year, so you don't want to miss out. Also, get ready to mark your calendars for another Dog Walk in the fall.

In addition to special events, the Tulsa SPCA is also giving away every 100th service free. So, stop by the shelter or clinic and see if you are the lucky one.

Show your Tulsa SPCA celebratory spirit by purchasing a centennial t-shirt available online. A special thanks goes to Devinn Parks and Teresa Valero from the University of Tulsa's Third Floor Design for the awesome t-shirt design.



Help us celebrate Tulsa SPCA's 100th Anniversary. Look for updates and information by visiting our website, www.tulsaspc.org. 🐾

Cruelty Investigator Tim Geen: A Follow-Up

By Jessica Luong

A huge thank you to those who responded to our last newsletter's story featuring Tim Geen, our cruelty investigator. We received many donations totaling more than \$2,900. We wasted no time in purchasing all of the items on Tim's list and more, which included:

- Digital camera
- Taser pistol
- First-aid kit
- Charcoal-filtered respirators
- Disposable gloves
- Heavy-duty rubber gloves
- Reusable booties to cover shoes
- Reusable nylon pants/jackets to cover clothes during rescues (3 sets/assorted sizes)
- Kevlar vest
- Boots
- Humane traps
- Bite-resistant gloves

Tim is now armed with the equipment needed to perform his job in comfort and safety. We even have enough funds remaining to purchase replacement items as they are needed. Your generous support will help ensure that we can continue to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves by providing this life-saving service. 🐾

Planned Giving

If you're age 70½ or older, you may be able to take advantage of an important incentive for charitable giving. Congress has re-authorized the provision that allows donors to make gifts from their IRA accounts to one or more charities, without first incurring income tax on the withdrawal. This means that you can direct that amount to the Tulsa SPCA with no federal income tax liability. This IRA rollover may provide you with an excellent opportunity to make a gift during your lifetime from an asset that would be subject to multiple levels of taxation if it remained in your taxable estate.

There are some details and restrictions; if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us at 918-428-7722. We thank you for your generosity, and for all you do for the Tulsa SPCA. 🐾



When was the last time you reviewed your Last Will & Testament?

Changes occur during life.

Our goal is to serve you and your family and to help you put the best plan together and keep it up to date. If you would like assistance on how to create or update your will, please let us know. This service and charitable financial planning are confidential and free of charge.

To learn more about ways to leave a legacy for future generations through your will, please contact us today.

Contact the Tulsa SPCA today at 918-428-7722.



Volunteer Recognition Event

Tulsa SPCA volunteers were honored at the first ever Recognition Luncheon March 2, at the Campbell Hotel. Attending were Auxiliary volunteers ranging from 1988 charter members through the newest participants. Girl Scout Troop 649 volunteered as "Hostess Helpers" for the afternoon event.

Tulsa SPCA Auxiliary held its first meeting in 1988 and consisted of two interested community volunteers and four Tulsa SPCA Board members. Today, it has over 100 members.

Beyond the Auxiliary, volunteer participation includes community service volunteers, internships, Boy Scouts fulfilling requirements for their Eagle Scout Award and countless other groups and individuals.

No matter the role a Tulsa SPCA volunteer plays, they help to shape the lives of Tulsa's animals and the families that adopt them.

The Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will become a yearly event and will be the venue for presenting the newly-founded Milly Finley Volunteer of the Year Award. Recipients of the 2012 award were Auxiliary members Becky Robbins and Dana Kastelic. 🐾

100 Year Timeline

Based on an account by Milly Finley and other Tulsa SPCA Volunteers

2013 marks the 100th year

that Tulsans have joined together for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, so we wanted to reflect on history and celebrate the individuals and milestones who made this all possible.

If you've adopted a pet, volunteered or attended a Tulsa SPCA fundraising event in the past 25 years, you've probably met D'Ann Berson. She's volunteered in almost every capacity at Tulsa SPCA, from dog-walker to Operations Director, without ever accepting pay.

D'Ann arrived at Tulsa SPCA in 1988, around a time of intense growth when Milly Finley and her team of volunteers were implementing new programs and improving the building and grounds at our location on Mohawk Blvd.

And have you ever noticed the Art Deco architecture of our shelter? It was built as a Public Works Administration project in 1931.



The Tulsa SPCA is founded by a group of Tulsa citizens who were concerned about homeless dogs and cats and to protect against abuse of draft animals used to do tilling on farms and heavy work in the mines and oil fields.

1913

The structure that houses the current shelter was built as a Public Works Administration Art Deco building. At one point the main building was a small grocery store. It is believed the owners lived above the store in the space that is now occupied by Tulsa SPCA offices.

1931

The land where the current shelter and facilities reside was donated by H.O. McClure, the founder of the Fourth National Bank of Tulsa.

The Tulsa SPCA was incorporated as a non-profit organization on July 20, 1946 and since that time has been governed by a volunteer board of directors.

1946

The Tulsa SPCA building was in need of many repairs. The roof was leaking, a fresh coat of paint was needed and a septic tank system was being used.

The mailing list was outdated and consisted of fewer than 800 names. The organization paid full postage for the drive letter that was sent out to solicit donations.

The only fundraiser was the K-9 Classic which was organized by Brad Petty.

The Tulsa SPCA was only open until 3:30pm during the week and for a few hours on Saturday. There was no answering machine, no newsletter, no cruelty investigator and no volunteer group.

There was no night watchman, but a man named Joe lived in the upstairs apartment. He would help feed the animals, but as he got older age prohibited him from doing so. He continued to live there until his death in 1989.

At the rate the shelter was being run, it was determined that if nothing changed, the Tulsa SPCA would be forced to shut down within five years.

Milly Finley joined the board.

1987

A search to find volunteers began. At the first meeting only a handful of people showed up.

A new roof was put on the current building.

Milly Finley began the estate planning drive and wrote letters to all the attorneys in Tulsa asking them to mention the Tulsa SPCA when writing wills for their clients.

Total adoptions: 423 animals
(289 dogs, 134 cats)

1988

The Tulsa SPCA Auxiliary was formed after volunteers were needed to work a booth at the Tulsa State Fair.

The Tulsa SPCA received a non-profit mailing permit.

Stationery and pamphlets were printed.

A new furnace and sewer system were installed.

First newsletter was written and distributed by Milly Finley with the help of a small group of volunteers.

Tulsa World started the column "Looking For Love" which highlighted animals in the Tulsa SPCA system looking for homes.

Average monthly cost to run the Tulsa SPCA: \$12,044

Total adoptions: 604 (414 dogs, 190 cats)

1989

Milly Finley was elected president of the board.

Fundraising efforts were implemented, including collection banks, library displays, dog dips, blanket drives and attending every weekend event that would allow them access.

Tulsa SPCA began offering educational presentations to community groups.

An answering machine was purchased and shelter hours increased to gain more traffic.

Average monthly cost to run the Tulsa SPCA: \$16,878

Total adoptions: 892 (583 dogs, 309 cats)

1990



The Tulsa SPCA hired a cruelty investigator, the only one in the state of Oklahoma.

The Tulsa SPCA started appearing on Good Morning Oklahoma to promote animals that needed to be adopted.

The first Tulsa SPCA calendar was printed.

1991

New vet clinic agreement was finalized and construction began.

Parking lot was paved.

Average monthly cost to run the shelter:
\$25,000

Total adoptions: 1,364 (768 dogs, 596 cats)

1994

The Mobile Adoption Center hits the road providing opportunities for Tulsans to see Tulsa SPCA animals outside of the shelter.

2005

The first For Paws Sake Golf Tournament and Silent Auction was held at Hard Rock Casino and Resort. Over \$9,000 was raised.

2011

This would have marked the year the shelter would be shut down. But dedication prevailed.

The shelter received a makeover with new counters, floors and an outside paint job.

The Foster Pet, Pet Therapy and dog training classes were developed.

The first KRMG/Moto Photo Cutest Pet Contest was initiated.

A satellite adoption center was opened in Eastland Mall on weekends. Titled New Leash, the space helped increase the number of adoptions from the previous year.

Total adoptions: 1,541 (972 dogs, 569 cats)

Average monthly cost to run the Tulsa SPCA: \$22,520

1992

The first two outdoor dog runs were donated by volunteers Dana Kastelic and Becky Robbins. When this proved to be a success the Auxiliary raised funds to construct more so that all the dogs had a little time to run and play on the weekends.

2000

Tulsa SPCA celebrates its 90th birthday.

2003

More outside runs were built and the dogs could spend the day outside in the fresh air and sunshine with grass under their feet, running and playing with dog and people friends.

The cat room became an open-space cattery. The cage doors were opened and the cats were free to climb, run and play with each other.

2004

The Tulsa SPCA turns 80 years old.

Debbie Smith became the first president of the Tulsa SPCA Auxiliary. The first Bingo Bash fundraiser was held by the group.

A new van was purchased from an insurance policy left to the Tulsa SPCA.

The mailing list hit 8,000 names.

Used vet equipment was purchased and a new vet program was in the development phase.

Average monthly cost to run the Tulsa SPCA: \$26,773

Total adoptions: 1,987 (1,090 dogs, 897 cats). This is 1,564 over the total in 1988.

1993

Tulsa SPCA celebrates its 100th year anniversary!

Average monthly cost to run the Tulsa SPCA: \$56,000

2013

This timeline marks some of the high and low points of Tulsa SPCA history, but we know it's not complete. If you have information, photographs or stories about Tulsa SPCA over the last 100 years, please send them to us at centennial@tulsaspc.org so we can add them to our story. And thank you for your continued support of our mission now 100 years in the making:

Speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves, for as long as we are needed. 🐾

100TH ANNIVERSARY - 2013
TULSA SPCA

In our 100 years, we estimate we've served over 80,000 animals.

Happy "Tails"

Poppy (formerly Missy)

I am writing to say thank you for bringing joy back into my life. When I adopted my puppy, her name was Missy. Now, her name is Poppy. I had just lost my 16-year-old Golden Retriever mix at the end of August and lost my 14-year-old German Shepherd right after Thanksgiving. My house was so empty. My dad found her picture online. She looks identical to my Golden Retriever, Morgan. She is the best puppy ever. She was born almost exactly to the day that Morgan passed away. I spoil her unbelievably. She comes to work with me every day. We take trips to the park, PetSmart, Bass Pro Shops, and when I go somewhere I can't take her, she goes to my parents' house to play with her pack. They have two Border Collies and a Black Lab named Marshal, who is Poppy's best friend. Poppy just graduated from PetSmart Beginner Training School and is already signed up to start Intermediate Training School in February. She has fit into our family so well. She is gentle and loving to my baby nieces and playful and sweet with my six-year-old nephew. She loves to play with the pack and meet new people. The ladies in the bank and McDonald's drive-thru windows know her by name and the girls at work bring her toys and Christmas presents.

I want to thank the staff at the Tulsa SPCA. You all were so kind and helped me get her adoption done easily. I want you to know that I do not take your work lightly! You gave me a gift and I make it my goal every day to honor that gift. Poppy is a puppy that you all can be proud to say that you placed. Thank you very much! Keep up the great work.

~ Stacey Lowe 🐾



Boomer (formerly Charlie)

Boomer has been investigating everything - he has sniffed every corner of this house. We have not had one accident; he even came to the back door once to tell us he needed to go. He is an excellent escape artist; as careful as we are about going in and out the front door, he got past my husband this morning. Luckily, he was snatched up quickly. I went to the store and got him several new chew toys and a kennel. It must be a crate like he had before because he immediately went in and laid down. The door was open and he went in, laid down, chewed on his new toy and then took a nap. A couple of my friends came over today and fell in love with the little guy. Now Mitzi, his big sister, is another story. She is still not sure of him and treats him like a pesky little brother. Everyone else in the house believes we made a very good choice when we picked your Charlie or our Boomer. Thanks.

~ Boomer's family 🐾



Put Your Paws Together

August 2012 through March 26, 2013

The Tulsa SPCA is fortunate to have generous donors and volunteers to meet the needs of our animals. Whether it is time and skills, monetary donations or in-kind items, your support of our programs makes a difference in animals' lives and is appreciated.

If you'd like to contribute, please visit our Facebook page or the Tulsa SPCA website, www.tulsaspc.org



Put Your Paws Together for the Following:

A student drive for blankets at Booker T. Washington Public School in Tulsa netted 80 blankets providing warm bedding in our night kennels.

The Tulsa Chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers gave dog and cat toys, dog food and blankets, of which we are always in need.

Girl Scout Troop 672 took a tour and brought homemade dog treats.

Villages of Southern Hills Nursing Home Red Hat Ladies send beautiful homemade holiday-decorated dog treats.

Jenks Middle School Ambassadors group brought dog and cat food, treats, toys and blankets.

Girl Scout Troop 1482 toured and their cash donations brought leashes, treats and dog and cat toys.

M. Reginald Terry requested birthday guests bring dog and cat care items in lieu of gifts.

Channel 23's Kristen Tallent organized a donation drive and collected cat toys and cat-friendly furnishings for the Cat Colony Room at the Tulsa SPCA Shelter.

Rogers County Humane Society, a fellow rescue group, regularly donates cat and dog food, kitty litter and bird seed.

Modern Woodmen Company sent dog, cat and rabbit food.

Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) donated dog and cat food, vitamins and bird food.

UBS Financial Services supplied a wicker pet bed with pad, towels, sheets and newspapers (Newspapers are especially useful with puppy and kitten cleanup needs.).

Becky Bowles from a DAR group in Tulsa coordinates recycling for their group and brings or sends the cans they collect. Aluminum cans supply a fundraising opportunity for the SPCA Volunteer Auxiliary.

The Warmachine Group from Top Dog Games arrived with 200 lbs of dry dog food and a large amount of canned dog food.

Youth Services of Tulsa donated several pounds of dog food and treats.

Hillcrest South Emergency Room donated kitty litter and treats, dog and cat food, and toys for all.

Put Your Paws Together for These Group Projects:

Very welcome volunteers sometimes come in groups seeking a project requiring several helping hands and providing an opportunity to share time together while doing something worthwhile. Tulsa SPCA happily gives many chances to accomplish this ---especially if you share pet loving interests. Thank you all for the time and caring for our pets. Everyone benefits.

Two groups of helpers come regularly and bring a willing attitude and much needed help with daily needs to clean kennels, do laundry, wash a mountain of dishes, and stuff Kongs for the pets to enjoy through the night hours. Recognize with big cheers the Women In Recovery and the Students in the Bridges Program (TPS) for faithful help with many things.

Honors Students at Rogers State College spent four hours cutting bushes and cleaning kennels --- hours the staff was able to use for behavior training pets in need of extra attention.

City Church Group began the long-term project of painting half the inside kennels and creating some signage for the front drive. There is more painting to be done to make the old part look as nice as the new.

Student groups often help with the everyday and endless work of shelter care and keeping the living conditions clean and healthy. This is hard work, especially in an old building, and creates a welcome break for our staff whose time can be spent on other responsibilities such as daily pet training. Big Applause and many Encores go to Hale Junior High Volunteers, the Emily After School Group, and University of Tulsa Law Students for rolling up their sleeves and digging in to tough duty.

Students from Booker T. Washington Key Club splashed their way through bathing dirty puppies that had been rolling in mud. What an improvement! The dogs looked great, the students were wet.

Girl Scouts and their Leaders are undaunted by any projects and often have great ideas for improvements. Girl Scout troops 649, 891 and 2980 tackled a variety of things including help with cleaning, bringing dog treats and socializing the outdoor pets unaccustomed to the presence of children in their lives. Troop 2980 also made and hung happy curtains in the clinic lobby, and helped prepare for an upcoming event. Troop 649 graciously gave up a Sunday afternoon to help with hostessing duties at our volunteer luncheon.

Volunteer help also comes from community service persons. The extra help gives our trained staff more time to work with the pets which helps insure they become well-prepared additions to any new home. Happy Yappies, Powerful Purr and other assorted sounds of delight to all.



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TULSA
SPCA100TH
ANNIVERSARY
DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

Paws and Pictures

June 20, 2013

Doors open at 7 pm

Movies start at dusk (around 9 pm)

Adults \$10, Kids \$5

Purchase tickets online at

tulsaspcapca.org/100years

Call 918.428.7722

Email centennial@tulsaspcapca.org

Mail checks to:

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Movies TBA closer to June 20, see website

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