



Events:

**June 17, July 15, July 20,
August 19, September 2, 2015**

Bark in the Park
ONEOK Field

June 18, 2015

Tulsa SPCA Paws & Pictures Movie Night
Admiral Twin Drive In

July 18, 2015

Tulsa SPCA Bingo Bash
OU Founders Hall (43rd & Yale)

October 1-11, 2015

Tulsa State Fair
Tulsa SPCA Booth
River Spirit Expo

November 21-22, 2015

Williams Route 66 Marathon
Supporting the Tulsa SPCA
Downtown Tulsa

Spring 2016

Tulsa SPCA Trivia Night
OU Founders Hall (43rd & Yale)

The Tulsa SPCA's mission is to improve the lives of dogs and cats and engage the community to foster mutual well-being.

The Buck Starts Here

By D'Ann Berson

A powerful one dollar bill brought the Tulsa SPCA pets several new friends and a surprising fundraiser. Maeby Smith is a second-grade student at Metro Christian Academy. Recognized for her kindness to others, she was selected to represent her class in an annual school project designed to raise awareness of the impact of standing up for what you believe to be important. Students chosen as class leaders were given a one dollar bill with instructions to bring blessings to another without help from parents at work places or relatives with monetary means.

Maeby immediately declared the Tulsa SPCA as her mission as she is an avid visitor to the organization's Facebook page and checks nightly to see pictures of the adopted pets that have found new homes.

Ideas for ways to expand the dollar began flying, and eventually a plan was formed to contact family and friends asking that they match her dollar. In addition, each would be supplied with the Tulsa SPCA Wish List of items needed at the shelter.

Maeby brought contagious enthusiasm to the project which resulted in 25 contributors who donated dog leashes, collars, pet treats and toys with a combined estimated value of \$250, and cash donations totaling \$136.



Networking with the Tulsa SPCA also resulted in an opportunity for some of Maeby's Girl Scout Troop to spend volunteer hours at the shelter helping with various daily chores. They learned about socializing pets for adoption and watched a demonstration of

the intake process for new and incoming pets. The girls were able to earn credit for their Pet Care Badges.

A dollar bill and one second grader with a love of animals and the motivation to help needy pets equals the Power of One!



A Letter From Mindy...

Dear Tulsa SPCA Patrons,

Thank you all so much for your continued support throughout the year. We wouldn't exist without caring, generous people like you. The last six months have been busy at the Tulsa SPCA, and I'm excited to share a few thoughts with you.

Our adoption and intake numbers continue to rise as we begin 2015. As we evaluate and refine our procedures we hope to continue increasing the number of animals we're able to save. Our low cost vaccination clinic is also gearing up for a busy year. Although there is no substitute for having a regular veterinarian, we hope this clinic offers pet parents an inexpensive option for making sure their furry family members are protected against the preventable conditions and diseases they may encounter. We continue to look for opportunities to get our adoptable animals, services and information into the community and plan on increasing our presence around Tulsa over the next year.

We were humbled to be able to work side-by-side with so many to help our Sand Springs neighbors deal with the aftermath of the tornado. The many animals we were able to save were a result of agencies like Tulsa Animal Welfare, Amore Pit Bull Rescue, The Tulsa County Sheriff's Department, Sand Springs Animal Control, the Humane Society of Tulsa and dedicated individual rescuers working together to make a difference. It was wonderful to be able to rescue animals and reunite so many families.

I have continued to be surprised by many things over my first year at the Tulsa SPCA. Although they're all important and have taught me important lessons, I want to share one in particular with you.

We've all seen or heard the sad stories of some rescues. Puppies thrown out of a moving car, kittens sealed in a box to die, dogs with embedded collars, etc. These are awful, they break our heart, and sadly they are all things that have really happened. However, those are not the majority of the animals we see at the shelter. The animals at the Tulsa SPCA come from four main sources. First, we have LOTS of owner surrenders. While there are many reasons for this, a few of the more common are, "I'm moving and I can't take my pet", or "We have a new baby and don't have the time/are worried about how they'll

get along", or "Someone in the house has developed allergies", or even "I just can't afford to care for my pet anymore". Second, stray animals must go to the City Shelter first for legal and other reasons so we pull from local, high-kill facilities. Third, animals are sometimes surrendered to our Cruelty Investigator. Finally, we participate in rescues from puppy mill and hoarding situations. We try to keep a good balance between these sources and have no problem keeping our kennels and cat room full!

Most of the time, the animals we see are just like your dog or cat. As a matter of fact, it's estimated that about 25% of the animals in shelters are purebred. So while we tend to talk a lot about the sad cases, the majority of the animals available to adopt at the Tulsa SPCA are just your average, every day dog or cat who through no fault of their own need a new human to love. Current statistics tell us only about 29% of dogs and cats in homes were rescued from shelters. Animals from most shelters (including ours) will come vaccinated, spayed/neutered, microchipped, checked for health and temperament issues and with current preventatives (flea, tick, heartworm, etc.) Each year, 31% of dogs and 41% of cats entering shelters around the country will be euthanized. By choosing to adopt from a shelter as opposed to a breeder or Craigslist or some other resource you will not only receive a wonderful new, healthy family member, you will also save two lives – that of the animal you adopt, as well as the one we can now intake thanks to an open space in the shelter.

The small adoption fee we charge allows us to make sure animals go to a good home and also make sure we send a healthy animal home. Every time we see a box of puppies outside of the grocery store, or read an ad on Craigslist or hear about another unwanted litter, it breaks our hearts because we know it means more animals will be euthanized due to pet overpopulation. Please help us spread the word and adopt, don't shop!

Thanks again for your support!

Mindy Tiner
Executive Director, Tulsa SPCA



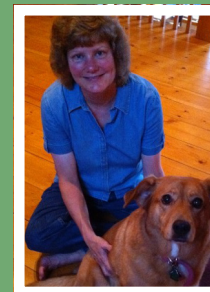
The Milly Finley Volunteer Award

By Jessica Luong

Milly Finley joined the Tulsa SPCA Board of Directors in 1987. She was a driving force in promoting the welfare of animals, preventing cruelty and improving the Tulsa SPCA facilities to accommodate more dogs and cats so they could find forever homes. During the annual volunteer luncheon, Tulsa SPCA volunteers are recognized as Milly Finley Award Recipients for their dedication to the Tulsa SPCA Auxilliary. In March, six volunteers were selected to win this prestigious award!



The 2015 Milly Finley Award Winners



Sherrie Swezey – "I have volunteered for the Tulsa SPCA since Feb. 2009 and I have enjoyed every moment of it."

Acknowledged for her dedication and attendance at 22 of 30 MAC events, making a huge contribution in helping the Tulsa SPCA dogs and cats get adopted.



Nina Walker – "I always feel better after being with the MAC. It makes my heart smile!"

Acknowledged for her dedication and attendance at 27 of 30 MAC events, making a huge contribution in helping the Tulsa SPCA dogs and cats get adopted.



Emily Weber – "I have made so many friends at the Tulsa SPCA - animals and people alike."

Acknowledged for her dedication and attendance at 22 of 30 MAC events and being the MAC Driver Assistant. Emily also helps harness dogs for the K9 Social Club each month and even comes to the shelter during the week to walk the dogs and socialize with the cats.

Carol Sonderegger

Acknowledged for her dedication and attendance at 20 of 30 MAC events, making a huge contribution in helping the Tulsa SPCA dogs and cats get adopted.



Abby Lehman – "I love the Tulsa SPCA. I love its mission. I love the animals and I love seeing them get another chance at a loving home. I love the compassionate, truly remarkable people I have met through the Tulsa SPCA. I love it all."

Acknowledged for her dedication to the MAC events and exceptionally leading volunteers at several fundraising events. Abby has assisted the auxiliary and fundraising committee with planning and coordinating activities.

Jim Hunter – "Knowing that you are helping these animals live healthier lives is very rewarding."

Acknowledged for his MAC driving skills at events such as the Boo Ha Ha Parade and Christmas Parade. Jim has also volunteered for several Tulsa SPCA fundraisers and has helped with many other tasks at the shelter.



Planned Giving Partnership

The Tulsa SPCA was established in 1913, and for more than 100 years has provided a safe haven for abandoned, abused or neglected animals. We continue this dedication with an animal cruelty investigation department, adoption services and a wellness clinic. Additionally, we promote a stronger quality of life for domestic animals in our communities, through ongoing rescue services, rehabilitation, education, advocacy, community service and outreach.

Perhaps your beloved family pets – possibly adopted from us - have offered love and companionship that enriched your life immeasurably. If you would like to help us continue to serve animals over the next 100 years, please consider leaving a legacy through a charitable bequest in your will or living trust. You can

honor your pets and help ensure that the Tulsa SPCA maintains its mission to improve the lives of dogs and cats and engage the community to foster mutual well-being. These planned gifts provide the resources to create extraordinary opportunities to ensure the future of charitable organizations like ours. Fortunately, through our partnership with the Tulsa Community Foundation, financial advice and direction is provided at no charge to you, to better understand the benefits of planning, as well as designating assets to Tulsa SPCA.

For additional information about how your thoughtful act can make a significant impact in support of the mission of Tulsa SPCA, please contact our Executive Director, Mindy Tiner.

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Red, White, Blue & Rescue Trivia Night = Success

By Susan Rogers

The Tulsa SPCA held its first annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 21, at the OU Schusterman Center. In honor of President's Day, the theme was Red, White, Blue and Rescue. There was a great turnout – 150 people attended this fun event which included 14 sponsors. Josh with Live Event Trivia was the emcee for the evening, as well as being the Trivia Master.

The five rounds of trivia were tough; the Regal Beagle team won by one point to claim the coveted Trivia Champion trophies. There were plenty of “activities” available for individuals to support the Tulsa SPCA – a wine pull, restaurant pull, dessert auction, silent auction and purchasing beads to play “heads and tails”. The “heads and tails” game came down to two individuals with the winner donating the \$400 prize money to programs that benefit the dogs and cats!



Also held was a live auction to directly support animal programs. The Tulsa SPCA Auxiliary matched every dollar raised through the live auction, which totaled more than \$5,500. Many, many thanks to the Auxiliary!

The evening raised more than \$25,000 for the animals at the Tulsa SPCA! Thanks to all who attended and helped make this a successful fundraising event! Hope to see you next year for our 2nd Annual Trivia Night!



Happy Tails Annie Making Herself At Home

By Stacy Robinson

Art and Anita Pancook's desire to seek the companionship of a new family member led them back to the Tulsa SPCA as repeat adopters.

While browsing the online gallery of adoptable pets, they were drawn to Anastasia and called to schedule an appointment with the Tulsa SPCA Adoption Specialist, John Horky. John introduced them to Anastasia and it was love at first sight!

The Pancooks initially decided to foster Anastasia to make sure she would feel comfortable in their home. But it didn't take

long for them to rename her “Annie” and officially adopt her, making the sweet dog a part of their family.

Annie is easily adjusting to her forever home. She loves playing in the backyard, going on her morning walks, and is quick to greet guests as they arrive at the front door. She has been nicknamed “Anita's girl” as she has made Anita her favorite human!

The Pancooks are thrilled to have Annie as a new member of their family and continue to support the Tulsa SPCA in its mission to find pets forever homes.



Happy Tails Nicholas “Cage” – One Happy Cat

By Stacy Robinson

Weldon Kemp was referred to the Tulsa SPCA by a personal friend with the intention of finding a dog to adopt. After coming out and visiting with our adoptions specialist, Weldon looked around the shelter and decided not to adopt a dog, but rather go home with a cat! So, Nicholas found a new family eager to take him home.

Nicholas suffers from feline herpes, a condition that is contagious to other cats. After living at the Tulsa SPCA for several months, staff members were concerned it might be a while before Nicholas found a forever home. Our agency is so grateful to people who are willing to adopt animals with special needs and circumstances.

Nicholas is adjusting to his new home, where Weldon says he owns the place! He watches a lot of football and basketball, and spends a lot of time in the window people watching in the neighborhood. Weldon often receives compliments on how good Nicholas's coat looks and how friendly he is. He is very pleased with his decision to adopt Nicholas and looks forward to adopting again in the future.



Connecting the Dots and Ending Violence

Pets, really animals in general, are a huge part of our lives. Since the 1970s, pet ownership in our country has tripled to the point where over 60% of households own at least one pet. We spend more money on food for our animals than we do on baby

Up to 40% of women delay leaving abusive situations because they worry about what will happen to their pets.

food and actually have more pets in this country than we do children! In fact, in the United States, a child is more likely to have a pet than a live-at-home father.

Numerous studies point to the physical, emotional and social benefits pets provide. In addition, abuse of pets is often a stepping stone to domestic violence, bullying and other issues. Animal abuse investigations are often the first contact law enforcement and subsequently social services have with a family in crisis.

In one study, researchers found more than 70% of women entering shelters reported their abusers had threatened, injured or killed family pets for revenge or as a way to control the female and/or children in the home. Seventy percent of animal abusers have also been found to have records for other crimes. A history of pet abuse is one of the

top four indicators of who is at risk for becoming a batterer, and is often seen in association with other serious crimes including drugs, gang activity, weapons and sexual assault. Up to 40% of women delay leaving abusive situations because they

worry about what will happen to their pets.

Children exposed to animal abuse and domestic violence in their homes

can become offenders themselves. Sometimes these kids are acting out what was done to them, taking out their feelings the way they've observed or sadly, sometimes they try to kill their pet "humanely" to prevent additional suffering. Animal abuse is frequently the first step in a cycle of violence that we need to stop. In order to help address issues like these, the Tulsa SPCA is happy to be working with local and national agencies to find solutions.

In addition to encouraging law enforcement and social services to recognize the seriousness of animal abuse, the Tulsa SPCA is committed to educating, assisting and improving

our community, both animal and human. There are many ideas about how to reduce violence in our society, and just as many trying to identify the cause. Some studies point to a decline in empathy which is linked to behaviors such as bullying, abuse and neglect.

Red Rover, a group working to build empathy among kids, says, "Kids' connections with pets are often the first relationships in their lives they have any control over." Animals can easily teach children about forming bonds, caring for others, maintaining positive relationships and friendships, learning leadership and problem-solving skills, and much more.

Look for us in the community working with partners to raise awareness about animals and the role they play in our lives.

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Our primary goal will always be saving animals, but the fact is we're saving humans as well.

2015 BINGO BASH FIESTA!



Saturday, July 18th, 2015 6-9:30pm
\$30 per ticket or a table of 8 for \$200

OU Tulsa Founders Hall
Schusterman Learning Center, 4502 E 41 St

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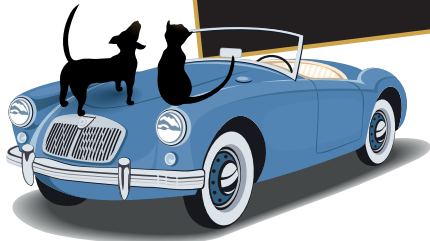


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